

# From the Potting Shed

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## Vegetables won't wait



Lida Gellman (left), site coordinator and Class of 1999, and Donna Dorgan, Class of 2018, with vegetables and herbs picked at Garretson Forge & Farm July 14. "Work continues as usual at Garretson despite the heat," Lida said. "Frequent water breaks under the shade of our champion chestnut make it bearable." Last week nine MG and two community volunteers showed up. "We are currently harvesting and weeding as well as watering. Garlic and shallots were harvested and hung for drying. Cucumbers, basil, radish, lavender, and raspberries were picked — a lot of work on a hot day." Join volunteers Thursday from 10 am-2 pm and the second and fourth Sunday from 1-3 pm. Garretson is located at 4-02 River Road, Fair Lawn. Contact [Lida](#) for more information.

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## MG OF BC NEWS

### MG T-shirts and hoodies for sale

Once again, MG attire is available, so now's the time to place your order for T-shirts and hoodies with our logo. The ordering deadline is Monday, July 28.

*We don't know when another order will be placed, so take advantage of this opportunity to get your MG of BC merch.*

It's been an annual tradition that MG of BC T-shirts are worn by the MGs and interns who volunteer at the Fall Festival. This year's festival is Sept. 21-22.



Women's V-neck T-shirt

Seana Kirk, Class of 2020, has volunteered to manage the ordering process. *Please read all the instructions before placing your order.* Contact [Seana](#) only if you have any questions that are not answered here or via the product links on page 2.

***There are no refunds or exchanges on these items.***

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## MG OF BC NEWS

### Order your MG T-shirts and hoodies! (Continued from page 1)

#### T-shirt details

The T-shirts are deep brown heather, the color chosen by the Classes of 2023 and 2024. Click on the links below for a photo and description of each T-shirt. Below the photo is another link for the “product spec sheet,” which describes the fabric and fit, etc.

**Women's V-neck:** It's recommended that you choose one size larger than usual for the V-neck. Or choose the men's T-shirt, which offers a wider fit. Cost per shirt is \$20 for small and medium; \$21 for large; \$22 for XL; \$24 for XXL; and \$27 for XXXL.

**Men's crew neck:** Cost per shirt is \$17 for medium; \$18 for large and XL; \$20 for XXL; and \$22 for XXXL.



Men's crew-neck T-shirt

#### Hoodie details

**Hoodie:** The hoodies are available in charcoal heather with a full zipper. The hoodies are available in men's sizes only.

Cost per hoodie is \$38 for small, medium, large, and XL; and \$41 for 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL.

#### How to order your MG of BC apparel

Email the following information to [Seana Kirk](mailto:seana.kirk@gmail.com):

- Your first and last name and email address;
- T-shirt style and size; and/or hoodie and size;
- Number of T-shirts or hoodies you're ordering; there's a limit of two T-shirts per MG or intern
- Payment method: Check or Venmo. However, Venmo is the preferred method of payment.

**Venmo:** Send payment to username Seana-Kirk or email address [seana.kirk@gmail.com](mailto:seana.kirk@gmail.com).

**Check:** Make check payable to Seana Kirk for the total purchase amount and mail to:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Bergen County  
1 Bergen County Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

**Please don't address the envelope to Seana. Seana doesn't work at the above address.**

### ***Congratulations new MGs!***

**The following interns have been certified as Master Gardeners.**

#### **Class of 2023**

- Wendy Bucceri
- Robert Nunes
- Marie Scotti-Bosworth
- John Thielke

#### **Class of 2024**

- Daniel Coviello
- Marylou Moravec

## WEBINARS

**All times are Eastern.**

**July 25, 2-3 pm:** The Garden Conservancy sponsors Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands. Fee: \$5 members; \$15 non-members. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**July 30, 1-2:30 pm:** Penn State Extension sponsors Tree Communication. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

*Few live webinars are available during the summer so here are links to some recorded webinars from Smithsonian Gardens. All these webinars are free. Each lasts about an hour.*

- [Choosing Plants with Design in Mind](#)
- [Designing a Garden: Foliage First](#)
- [Creating Hypnotizing Horticultural Displays](#)
- [Garden Room Ideas and Inspirations](#)
- [Made in the Shade: Creating Dynamic Shade Gardens](#)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### Tomato lovers: This event is for you

The 2024 Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm is seeking volunteers for its annual Open House and Tomato Tasting Aug. 28 from 1-7 pm.

While Snyder Farm is located in Pittstown, Hunterdon County, the Tomato Tasting Event Committee welcomes MG volunteers from all counties. You may enter time volunteered at the event into Better Impact. However, you don't earn volunteer hours for travel time.



*Rutgers Newsroom photo*

Visitors can taste more than 50 tomato varieties and take a wagon tour of the farm to learn about the research and extension programs being conducted.

*Some varieties from the 2023 tomato tasting.*

Click [here](#) to register. **Note:** Registration is through Signup Genius, not Better Impact.

Any questions, comments, or concerns about the event, contact [Madalyn Ostrander](#), administrative assistant at the Snyder Research and Extension Farm. The farm is located at 140 Locust Grove Road, Pittstown.

### Volunteer in the Trail Conference's native plant garden

The NY-NJ Trail Conference has scheduled two Habitat Helper workdays when MG volunteers can work in the native plant garden at the Trail Conference headquarters, 600 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, and earn volunteer hours.

- Click [here](#) to register for the July 21 event.
- Click [here](#) to register for the July 28 event.

Both volunteer sessions are for three hours (9 am-noon). Bring work gloves, your favorite garden tools, and dress for the weather.

## EVENTS

### Native American Recognition Area to open at the Butterfly and Native Garden

**July 18, 10 am:** The Butterfly and Native Garden in Overpeck Park will open a Native American Recognition Area featuring two Native American speakers. (See flyer sent with the Potting Shed for details.) The address is 40 Fort Lee Road, Leonia. Park near the Bergen Equestrian Center and follow the signs to the garden.

### Walking tour of Thielke Arboretum

**July 27, 2-4 pm:** Bergen-Passaic Chapter, Native Plant Society of New Jersey sponsors a walking tour of Thielke Arboretum led by chapter leader Elaine Silverstein. It's free; no registration is required. Meet at the Environmental Education Building. The address is 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Rain date is July 28.

### *They visited Paul Sisko's garden*



*Photo by Janet Sisko*

Paul Sisko, Class of 2021 (far right) welcomed close to 50 MGs and Garden Conservancy visitors to his garden July 13. From left Bernadette White, Class of 2021, Terry Cohn (2020), Martha Carlucci (2021), and Barry Schwartz (2024). Paul will have another open garden event Sept. 14. That's Paul's sculpture behind Terry and Martha.