

# Master Gardeners of Bergen County

## March 2019 – mid-month reminders and updates

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### MG meeting Tuesday, March 26

1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, 1<sup>st</sup>-floor meeting room. Refreshments at 7 pm; announcements at 7:20 pm; program to follow.



Virginia Lamb

Our speaker this month is Virginia Lamb, and her topic is “Composting: A gardener’s best tool.”

Backyard composting is a simple, effective, low-cost way to turn organic waste into a valuable soil amendment. Learn what you can and can’t compost; tips for creating compost quickly; how to make compost tea; how to compost indoors using red wiggler worms; and uses for finished compost, referred to as “black gold” by seasoned gardeners.

Virginia, a Bergen County native, is an environmental educator with more than 30 years of experience in recycling, waste reduction, soil ecology, and organic gardening. The former recycling coordinator for Galloway Township and Monmouth County (where she was an MG) Virginia has been a freelance educator/consultant since 2000.

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### Cathy Miller to speak at the Wyckoff Area Garden Club

Cathy Miller, who created flower arrangements for five U.S. presidents, will design an arrangement while entertaining her audience with stories about her White House experiences. In addition, the former concert pianist will play a few of her favorite pieces on the piano. Cathy’s presentation will be 2-4 pm Sunday, April 7 at the Ridgewood Public Library, 125 North Maple Ave., Ridgewood.

This event is a fund-raiser for the club’s Sally Ditton Memorial Scholarship. Tea sandwiches and sweets will be served, and one audience member will go home with the flower arrangement that Cathy will create. Tickets are \$20 each. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets via the club’s website.



### Women Gardeners of Ridgewood Gardeners’ Day event

Tovah Martin, horticulturalist, lecturer, and author, will speak at the Gardeners’ Day event Wednesday, April 10 at the Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 East Glen Ave., Ridgewood. Doors open at 11 am for shopping (vintage jewelry and treasures) followed by a light lunch at 11:30 am and Tovah’s lecture — “Gardening as if the world depends on us” — at 12:30 pm. Her lecture will be followed by a Q&A and book signing, and a sale of plants from Goffle Brook Farm. A selection of her books will be available to purchase.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Seating is limited so reservations are encouraged. Click [here](#) to visit the club’s website for information about purchasing tickets. Click [here](#) to visit Tovah’s website.

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## Horticulture grapevine

### *Upcoming area garden club meetings that are open to the public.*

- March 19**     **7 pm, Backyard Garden Club sponsored by the Friends of the River Vale Free Public Library**, River Vale Library, 412 Rivervale Road, River Vale. Speaker: Donald Bayne, environmental educator and president of the [Friends of Sterling Forest](#). Topic: Reading the woods - the tell-tale signs of what's in the woods.
- March 19**     **7:45 pm, Glen Rock Garden Club**, Glen Rock Annex, 678 Maple Ave., Glen Rock. Speaker: Walter Perry, Perry's Florist. Topic: Impatiens - the latest varieties. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Refreshments served.
- April 1**        **11:30 am, Tenafly Garden Club**, Davis Johnson Park and Gardens, Tenafly. Speaker: Bruce Crawford, director of Rutgers Gardens. Topic: Happy hydrangeas. A \$10 donation is requested toward the club's annual scholarship given to two students studying horticulture with Bruce Crawford at the Rutgers Gardens summer program. For more information, call 201-568-8254.