

MG of BC meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19

Eric Rohsler of Rohsler's Allendale Nursey will speak on the topic of Artistry in the Garden at our Sept. 19 meeting, the first of the fall season. Location: 1 Bergen County Plaza, first-floor meeting room, Hackensack. Park in the lot near the entrance as space allows. Come at 7 pm for refreshments; announcements begin at 7:20 pm followed by the presentation. In addition, five-year service pins will be awarded to eligible members of the Classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017; 10-year service pins will be awarded to eligible members of the Classes of 2010, 2011, and 2012. A reminder that due to the Covid pandemic, volunteer hours were suspended in 2020 and 2021.

Volunteers needed for a 'blast' at the Topolsky Garden in Teaneck Sept. 21

Help wanted! Fifteen pink summersweet shrubs (*Clethra alnifolia*) are waiting to be planted in a newly cleared section of the Mary S. Topolsky Garden. Come to the garden Sept. 21 from 10 am-noon to assist in a "blast." The purpose of the blast is to have many volunteers get a job done in one morning while earning volunteer hours and meeting other MGs.

Regular volunteer hours at this site are Thursdays from 10 am-noon. Meanwhile, a site cleanup also has been scheduled for Sept. 30 from 10 am-noon.

The garden is located at 640 River Road, Teaneck. Park on Kipp Street across the street from the garden. To register for the Sept. 21 blast, send an email to [Harriet Steiner](mailto:Harriet.Steiner@mgofbc.org), Class of 2019 and site coordinator, or text her at 201-741-6765. Bring water, snacks, gloves, a long-handled shovel, and hand tools. Dress appropriately as there are ticks on site.

A volunteer opportunity in Somerset Oct. 8 and 22

The Rutgers School of Biological and Environmental Sciences is sponsoring tours and volunteer days at the Hutcheson Memorial Forest, Somerset, one of the last remaining old-growth forests in New Jersey. The events are Oct. 8 and 22 from 10 am-3 pm. You're invited to help with restoration plantings and removing invasive plant species to ensure the future of the forest. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

Bergen County Fall Harvest Festival: Sept. 22-24, Overpeck County Park, 199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park. Support the Class of 2023! See flyer attached with the Potting Shed email for times and events.

Native plant sale: Sept. 23 and 30, 10 am-3 pm, Lorrimar Sanctuary, 790 Ewing Ave., Franklin Lakes. Click [here](#) for more information.

Rutgers Master Gardeners state conference: Oct. 21, 9 am-2 pm. This year's theme is Transforming Your Home: Indoors and Out. Both virtual and in-person at the Douglass Campus Center, Traves Hall, New Brunswick. Doors open at 8 am. Fee: \$5. Click [here](#) to register for in-person attendance. Click [here](#) to register for virtual attendance. Registration deadline Oct. 17. See the flyer attached with the Potting Shed email for speakers and schedule.

Items of interest

- **Homemade potting media anyone?** Make your own mix for specific plants or to achieve certain goals. From Penn State Extension. Click [here](#) to read the article.
- **The world is getting warmer:** Cornell University Extension offers its Gardening in a Warmer World course book. Click [here](#) for the course book. Click [here](#) for information about Cornell's climate change demonstration garden.
- **Preparing your garden for winter — or not:** Lourdes Osorio, Passaic County MG, tells us to do nothing. Click [here](#) to read her article on the Laurelwood Arboretum website.

Webinars

All times are Eastern.

Sept. 19, 7-8:30 pm: Southwest Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey sponsors Gardening for the Bats of New Jersey. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Sept. 21, 2 pm: The Garden Conservancy sponsors Sissinghurst Through the Seasons, fall episode. Fee: \$5 members; \$15 non-members. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Click [here](#) to visit the Sissinghurst website.

Sept. 27, 6:30-7:30 pm: AARP Virtual Community Center sponsors Growing Outstanding Herbs. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. AARP membership not required.

Sept. 27, 7-8 pm: American Horticultural Society sponsors Rose Discoveries and Innovations. Fee: \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Sept. 27, 7:30-9:30 pm: University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension sponsors The Bad and the Ugly: 10 Plant Diseases Not to Compost. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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The MG of BC has accounts on Facebook and Instagram. Sisters [Maria Bushman](#) and [Lisa Yoler](#), both Class of 2019, manage these sites. *You don't need a username/password to view the information.* You can go directly to:

- Facebook: Visit [Master Gardeners of Bergen County | Hackensack NJ | Facebook](#). A pop-up box will appear requesting that you log in or create an account. No need. Just click on the “x” in the upper right corner of the pop-up box to close it, and you'll have access to the MG of BC Facebook page.
- Instagram: Visit [Instagram](#).

Contact Maria or Lisa if you have information and photos to share.