

Master Gardeners of Bergen County

April 2019 – mid-month reminders and updates

MG meeting Tuesday, April 23

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

Our speaker this month is Charlie Nardozzi and his topic is “Container garden revolution.”

Charlie says that container gardening has exploded in popularity as many gardeners are downsizing and more young people are gardening but live in locations with little room to garden.

Charlie’s presentation will cover different types of containers; how to match the right plant with the right container; potting soils; and watering, fertilizing, and pruning. He will offer lots of tips and show many examples of container garden designs.

Charlie has written for national magazines such as *Organic Gardening*. Among his book titles are “Urban Gardening for Dummies” and “Vegetable Gardening for Dummies.” Visit his [website](#).

The April meeting is our annual joint meeting with the Master Gardeners of Passaic County.



Charlie Nardozzi

Area plant sales

April 27, 9 am-noon: Garden Club of Harrington Park, library parking lot, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Perennial plant sale; nursery stock plus many home-growns direct from club members’ gardens.

April 27, 10 am-5 pm; April 28, noon-5 pm: Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills. Choice selection of perennials, ferns, woody plants, and hypertufa planting troughs. For information, call 908-722-1200, ext. 5621.

April 27-28, 10 am-2 pm: Thielke Arboretum of Glen Rock, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Native plant sale; flowers starting at \$2 each; trees and shrubs starting at \$12 each.

Horticulture grapevine

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

April 17 7 pm, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, 320 Boulevard, 2nd-floor library meeting room. Speaker: Geri Gibney, avid gardener, antique dealer, and founder of the Garden Club of Harrington Park. Demonstration: Creating a wreath and other pieces for the spring season. Meet and greet with refreshments at 6:30 pm.

- April 17** **7 pm, Wyckoff Area Garden Club** joint meeting with the Allendale Garden Club, Saddle River/Upper Saddle River Garden Club, and Oakland Garden Club; Wyckoff Public Library, 200 Woodland Ave., Wyckoff. Speaker: Ken Greene, [Hudson Valley Seed Co.](#) Topic: History of seed diversity, importance of ethical seed stewardship, and the beautiful and tasty varieties you can grow at home.
- April 18** **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Bergenfield**, Cooper's Pond, 133-153 W. Church St., Bergenfield. Speaker: Marc Gussen, director, [Closter Nature Center](#). Topic: Hydroponics.
- April 26** **8 pm, Fyke Nature Association**, Allendale Borough Hall, 500 W. Crescent Ave., Allendale. Speaker: MG Edith Wallace. Topic: The mystery writers' garden (with a nod to Agatha Christie). Visit Edith's [website](#).
- April 29** **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Community Church of Ho-Ho-Kus, 400 Warren Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus, entrance on Sycamore Avenue. Speaker: Audrey Maihack, professional painter and avid gardener. Topic: Cupid's garden. Visit Audrey's [website](#).
- May 2** **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Harrington Park**, upstairs in the Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Speaker: Michael Mitchell, owner, Rose Gardens by Michael and past president of the Garden State Rose Club. Topic: A rose for every need. Q&A and refreshments to follow program.