

Master Gardeners of Bergen County November 2020 – mid-month update

MG virtual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17 via Zoom

Announcements at 7:20 pm; program to follow; see Zoom instructions below

Carrie Buchman presents: An introduction to the World of Orchids

Carrie Buchman, who was originally scheduled to speak at our March meeting, has been growing orchids for more than 30 years and has almost 300 orchids from *Aerangis* to *Zygopetalum* in her collection. Her orchids have won ribbons in many shows, including the Philadelphia Flower Show, and she's earned flower, cultural, and botanical awards from the American Orchid Society.

Carrie will cover orchid taxonomy, what makes an orchid an orchid, and what orchids grow well in New Jersey. Carrie will show orchids in bloom from her collection to illustrate their biodiversity. She welcomes you to bring your orchids to the Zoom meeting to display or discuss.



Carrie Buchman

How to Zoom with the MG of BC

Log into the meeting from your computer, iPad, or smart phone by clicking on the link below a few minutes before 7:15 pm.

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/91584151174?pwd=d0NpbDBTWIZXc3dqRjBiN0MvUVd4dz09>

If you have the Zoom application installed on your device, you can also log in using the meeting ID and passcode: **Meeting ID: 915 8415 1174; passcode: 736691.**

After logging in, you'll be placed in the "waiting room" where you'll wait for the host to allow you to enter the meeting. By logging in a few minutes before 7:15 pm, you're leaving the host enough time to let all participants into the meeting. Be sure to turn on your device's camera and keep your audio/microphone muted during the meeting. To ask a question, you can send a "chat" to the host who will acknowledge your request. Icons for audio (a microphone), video, and chat options are at the bottom of the Zoom screen.

For your reading pleasure

The Ultimate Guide to Hiking with Your Dog, tips from the NY-NJ Trail Conference website. Click here to [read](#).

Learn to speak the language of plants from the New York Times. Click [here](#) to read.

Review plant life cycles from the Penn State Extension website. Click [here](#) to read.

Visit the world's most beautiful conservatories. Click [here](#) to read and admire on the Architectural Digest website.

Rutgers bulb sale; order now and pick up Nov. 20

Do you go bonkers for bulbs? Rutgers Gardens is selling spring daffodil and allium bulbs for pickup from 11 am-3 pm Friday, Nov. 20. You'll receive a 10% discount on your total order and a free half-dozen *Narcissus geranium* when you order through the Rutgers Gardens Swag Shop and identify yourself as a Master Gardener during the ordering process.



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To order, visit the [Cook's Market Online Store](#). Scroll to the bottom of the screen, and then click on Rutgers Gardens Swag Shop. Then click on View Products where you'll see the list of bulbs available; quantities are limited. Enter the quantity by clicking the plus (+) sign and the item will be added to your cart. If you don't have an account with Cook's Market, you'll be prompted to set one up. To receive your discount/free bulbs, enter your affiliation ("Master Gardener volunteer") in the notes section when you place your order.

Pick up your order at the Rutgers Gardens table at the Cook's Market, 112 Log Cabin Road, North Brunswick on Friday. Bring a copy of your order. For help with the online shop, contact [Rutgers Gardens](#).

Webinars

Nov. 18, 7-8 pm: Penn State Extension sponsors Growing Dahlias. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Nov. 19, 10-10:30 am: Duke Farms sponsors Turkey Vulture Adventures. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Nov. 19, 6:30-7:30 pm: Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County sponsors Caring for Indoor House Plants. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Nov. 21, 9 am-5:30 pm: Virginia Herpetological Society sponsors virtual fall symposium on Facebook Live. Click [here](#) for more information.

Nov. 24, 7 pm. Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum sponsors Grafting Techniques for Tree Propagation. Fee: \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Click [here](#). Then scroll down to Nov. 24 in the left column for more information and to register.

Dec. 1, 1-2 pm (join at 12:45 pm): Rutgers Home Gardeners School @Home sponsors House Plants - Bringing the Garden Inside. Fee \$35. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Event suspensions and site closures for 2020

All in-person events, classes, programs, club meetings, and other group activities organized by or under the auspices of Rutgers Cooperative Extension have been suspended through 2020. This includes all MG meetings and events. MGs are not required to submit volunteer hours for 2020.