

Master Gardeners of Bergen County January 2021 – mid-month update

MG virtual meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 26 via Zoom

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

Arnie Friedman presents: Water in the Garden

Water has been a key element in gardens from ancient times to the present. Arnie's presentation surveys water's historic importance in the history of garden design and the lessons that home gardeners can apply to their own landscape.

Arnie, Class of 2004, is a New York Botanical Garden-certified landscape designer and former NYBG instructor. He is the owner of Landscapes by Design. His design services encompass creating entire landscapes to small, intimate plantings and solving issues like excess stormwater; old, out-of-control gardens; and building features of natural stone.

He is a past president of the MG of BC and current chair of the Speakers Bureau. He lectures around the region on landscape design, outdoor construction, and environmental issues.



Arnie Friedman

Arnie has a strong commitment to the environment and tries to build gardens that are sustainable and welcoming to dwindling wild bird and native plant species. Of late, he has been pioneering the replacement of lawn and turf with meadow-like environments of native, deer-proof, and easy-care plantings.

To attend the meeting, click on the link below a few minutes before 7:15 pm to allow the meeting organizer enough time to let attendees into the meeting.

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/92692588641?pwd=a3l5VlpxTzJlJWkgwUndlb3Z0Q1pLQT09>

Here's how to renew your MG membership for 2021

If you haven't already done so, please send your 2021 dues of \$20 to Terri Pegg, outgoing Membership chair. The MG of BC relies on your membership dues to keep the organization running. The renewal form was sent along with this mid-month update. Beginning in March, only paid-up members will receive the *Potting Shed*.

Print and complete the form, and send with your check for \$20, made payable to the MG of BC. Mail to Terri Pegg, 54 W. Magnolia Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607. Donations are always welcome if you'd like to include an additional amount above the \$20 dues. Thank you in advance.

Event suspensions and site closures: All in-person events, classes, programs, MG meetings and events, and other group activities organized by or under the auspices of Rutgers Cooperative Extension have been suspended through March 31, 2021.

Haworthiopsis: A plant for many generations

Bruce Crawford, program leader in home and public horticulture at Rutgers, has chosen *Haworthiopsis* as his January plant of the month.

By Bruce Crawford

With its short days and cold temperatures, January is a good month to turn your focus to indoor gardening and expand upon your houseplant palate. It is a wonderful way to bring the garden indoors, so to speak. However, simply because the plant is labelled as a houseplant does not mean it cannot go outside come next summer!

Haworthiopsis is a succulent that my mother propagated and distributed throughout the house and summer garden with great abandon, but it never garnered much of my attention. Having now “inherited” all of these plants, I have come to discover its beauty, along with its wonderful carefree nature. . . **To read the entire article, click [here](#).**



Rutgers University photo
Zebra cactus (*Haworthiopsis attenuata*)

Webinars

Jan. 19, 2:30 pm: University of Illinois Extension sponsors Fruit Tree Pruning. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Jan. 19, 7-8 pm: RCE of Ocean County sponsors Aquaponics (what happens when you combine aquaculture and hydroponics). Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Jan. 21, 7 pm: Fine Gardening sponsors New Plants Showing Promise. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Jan. 22, 3-4 pm: Duke Farms sponsors Gardening - What to Do Before Getting Your Hands Dirty. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Jan. 23, 11 am: Kerry Ann Mendez, garden lecturer, sponsors Power Up Garden Beauty - Power Down Garden Maintenance. Fee \$12.50. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Visit her [website](#).

Jan. 28, noon-1 pm: Los Angeles County Public Works sponsors Small Space Gardening. Free. Click [here](#) for more information, additional webinar dates, and to register.

Jan. 29, 2-2:45 pm: Duke Farms sponsors Raptor Adaptations. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Jan. 30-31, 9 am-5 pm: Northeast Organic Farm Association (NOFA) 31st annual winter conference (virtual this year). Theme is the future of NJ's food system. Fee \$15 student or veteran; \$35 members; \$50 non-members. Click [here](#) for the list of each day's speakers/topics and to register.

Horticulture Grapevine

Jan. 25, 7 pm: Mahwah Public Library via Zoom. Speaker: Arnie Friedman, Class of 2004. Topic: Gardens on Tour. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Tell us about your faves

Do you have a favorite gardening-related website? How about a recent success or failure in your garden for our new "Hits and Misses" column? Share your gardening experiences or your Internet finds with the *Potting Shed*. Contact [Miriam Taub](#).