

# From the Potting Shed

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## Visit Janet's garden May 18



Photo by Eleanor Sorensen, Allendale Garden Club

Janet Schulz, Class of 1988, invites MGs and interns to tour her garden May 18 from 10 am-3 pm. Janet's half-acre property is located at 16 Colonial Drive, Wyckoff. She's got something for everyone to admire including 150 to 175 varieties of hostas and many rare and unusual plants.

## Save the date: MG of BC picnic

**Wednesday, June 26**

**Van Saun Park**

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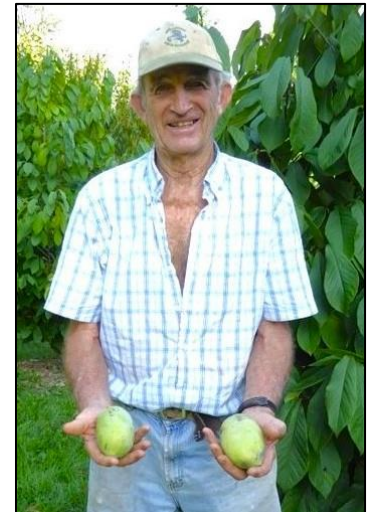
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### Meeting news: Tuesday, May 21, 7:20 pm

#### Dr. Charlie West

#### Pawpaws and American Persimmons: Underutilized Native North American Fruit Trees

Dr. Charlie West, owner of West Farm Nursery in Branchburg (Somerset County), will discuss the history and basic biology of propagation, flowering, and fruit production of the poorly known and underused pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), the largest native North American fruit, and the even lesser-known American persimmon.



Charlie West and pawpaws.

Our May 21 MG of BC meeting will be in the 4<sup>th</sup>-floor learning center at 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack. Refreshments are at 7 pm with announcements at 7:20 pm. Charlie West will follow at about 7:30 pm.

This will be our last meeting until September. Hope you can attend!

## VOLUNTEER SITE NEWS

### *Washington Spring Garden 2024: Color, color, and more color*



Wendy Bucceri, Class of 2023



Jeanne Etter (2023)



Chris Kozar (2020), Janet Stofkoper (2023)

#### **By Suzanne Danzig, Class of 2008 and site coordinator**

Our busy worker bees (above) were buzzing away in preparation for Mother's Day weekend at Washington Spring Garden in Van Saun Park, Paramus. Although there were no official Mother's Day events at the garden, Mother Nature put on a magnificent show for all the special ladies in our lives.

Just around Mother's Day, Bergen County's best azalea, dogwood, and rhododendron collection was on full display at Washington Spring Garden with the tranquil sound of the babbling spring and the songs of a wide variety of birds. You just might hear the laughter of the little ones as they, too, enjoy exploring this treasure.

Our team of volunteers were busy mulching the two entrances to the garden along with our usual chores — cleaning out beds and clearing the spring of watercress. The azaleas might have passed by the



*Photos by Suzanne Danzig*

time you read this article, but the beauty and tranquility of the garden never dies.

#### **Teaneck Creek 'blast' is May 17**

Teaneck Creek Conservancy is calling for volunteers to help complete the native plantings in its Peace Labyrinth, May 17 from 9 am-noon, at 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck. Click [here](#) to register. The event will be held in light rain or shine. You'll be contacted if the event is canceled due to extreme weather.

Meet in the parking lot at 9 am. If you arrive later, follow the signs to the Peace Labyrinth. Bring hand tools, gloves, sunscreen, bug spray, a refillable water bottle, and snacks. Teaneck Creek Conservancy will supply large tools and water for your refillable water bottle. Dress in layers. Stay as long as you can.

## PLANT SALES

**May 18, 8 am-noon: Allendale Garden Club**, Lee Memorial Library grounds, 500 W. Crescent Ave., Allendale. Rain or shine. Native and pollinator plants from members' gardens; nursery plants; baskets and containers. Reasonable prices. Cash or check only.



**May 18, 10 am-3 pm: Women's Club of Ramsey**, Masonic Lodge parking lot, 24 N. Franklin Turnpike at Lake Street, Ramsey. Large variety of heirloom tomato plants and some heritage hybrid varieties; herbs; eggplant, squash,

cucumber, artichoke, and pepper plants.

**May 18, 10 am-4 pm: Garretson Forge & Farm**, 4-02 River Road, Fair Lawn. Perennials, natives, and pollinators, many of which are deer resistant. Bee balm, lemon balm, tansy, valerian, agrimony, wild ginger, orris, May apple, ferns, milkweed, and much more. Master Gardeners are available to help you choose the right plant. Cash or check only.

**May 31, 9 am-3 pm; June 1, 9 am-noon: The Hermitage**, 335. N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus. Annuals and perennials. Cash or credit card only.

## WEBINARS

*All times are Eastern.*

**May 16, 2-3 pm:** Garden Conservancy sponsors Moon Garden: A Guide to Creating a Midnight Oasis. Fee: \$5 Garden Conservancy members; \$15 non-members. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**May 20, 6:30 pm:** Rutgers Earth Day Every Day sponsors Down to Earth Soil Management. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## MG OF BC NEWS

### *Better Impact awaits your entries*

**By Suzanne Danzig, Class of 2008 and Volunteer Records chair**

I'm glad to see so many entries on Better Impact; we have some very busy volunteers.

For those who have not yet entered hours this year, just a reminder that it is much easier to enter your hours as you go so you do not have to go back in your calendars to recall what days you volunteered. That goes for your continuing education (CE) hours, too.

Once again let me emphasize that you **MUST** record your hours to maintain your MG certification each year. Certification enables you to be a voting member of our organization, allows you to chair one of many committees, or sign up as a volunteer coordinator for one of our sites and, ultimately, become part of our board if you desire to be more involved with our organization.

We are required to record a minimum of 25 hours at our volunteer sites and a minimum of 10 CE hours annually. CE hours do not count as volunteer hours and vice versa.

I am always available if you have any questions. Click [here](#) to send an email to me. Click [here](#) to access Better Impact.

## EVENTS

### *Free tours at Laurelwood Arboretum*

**May 18-19, 10 am:** Free guided walking tour of the rhododendron garden.

**May 18, 11:30 am:** Free guided walking tour of the new native habitat garden.

Laurelwood is located at 725 Pines Lake Road West, Wayne. Meet at the Pavilion for both tours. Click [here](#) to visit the Laurelwood website.