

Under the MG tent at the 2024 Fall Harvest Festival

Interns and MGs from the Classes of 2023 and 2024 came together Sept. 21-22 to create displays about Backyard Gardening for Birds; Container Gardening; Sensory Gardens; Herbs; and Composting. The Class of 2023 missed out on the Fall Festival, which was rained out last year. This year's weather was perfect. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the information, signs, and handouts.



Sunday's volunteers, bottom row from left: Penny Readie, 2024; Jennifer Ermoian, 2023; Cesar Coy, 2024; Bill Hoffman, 2024; Theresa Schneider, 2016 and president of the MG of BC. Standing from left: Jeffrey Chan, 2011; Mary Orlando, 2023; Joel Flagler, RCE agent (behind Mary); Susan Petrillo, 2024; Charlene Mariano, 2024; Jin Kupperman, 2024; Karen Riede, 2017 and horticultural assistant; Irmain Rowley, 2024; Joe Gemignani, 2024; Sam Poulis, 2024 (behind Joe); Dylan Grana, 2022.



Composting team: Cesar Coy, Erika Giblin, Bill Hoffman, all Class of 2024.



Cesar Coy created the Composting team's sign.



Sensory Garden team: Darcy Valenti, Charlene Mariano, Wendy Sowa-Maldarelli, all Class of 2024.



Wendy Sowa-Maldarelli created the Sensory Gardens sign.



Joel Flagler, RCE agent, was selling the Bergen County Historic Agriculture Calendar.



Sunday's Container Gardening team: Sam Poulis, Karen Shaner, Joe Gemignani, Irmayn Rowley. Sam, Joe, and Irmayn are the Class of 2024; Karen is from the Class of 2023. Below, **Saturday's Container Gardening team:** Mike Fioravanti, 2024; Karen and Joe.





Saturday's Herb team: Dan Coviello, 2024, and Peter Cammarano, 2023.



Photo by Jennifer Ermoian, Class of 2023

Sunday's Herb team: Susan Petrillo and Penny Readie, both Class of 2024.



Jennifer Ermoian and Marie Scotti-Bosworth, both Class of 2023.



Paul Sisko, 2021, and Noel Schulz, 2016, distributed Rutgers factsheets and answered questions.



Saturday's Bird Gardening team: Alison Bloomfield, 2024; Susan Truesdell, 2023; Katherine Drury, 2023.



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Sunday's Bird Gardening team: Jin Kupperman and Barry Schwartz, both Class of 2024.



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Jeffrey Chan, 2011, and Dylan Grana, 2022.



Karen Riede and Joel Flagler took a moment to be photographed.

Thanks to all MGs who participated and assisted in the 2024 Fall Harvest Festival:

Class of 2024: Alison Bloomfield, Dan Coviello, Cesar Coy, Mike Fioravanti, Joe Gemignani, Erika Giblin, Bill Hoffman, Jin Kupperman, Charlene Mariano, Susan Petrillo, Sam Poulis, Penny Readie, Irmain Rowley, Barry Schwartz, Darcy Valenti.

Class of 2023: Maureen Caban, Peter Cammarano, Katherine Drury, Jennifer Ermoian, Mary Orlando, Marie Scotti-Bosworth, Karen Shaner, Susan Truesdell.

Previous classes: Jeffrey Chan, Dylan Grana, Seana Kirk, Chris Kozar (MG of BC hospitality chair), Keith Mazanec, Lynne Proskow, Karen Riede, Noel Schulz, Paul Sisko.

All photos by Miriam Taub, 2011, except those by Jennifer Ermoian, 2023.