



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

THE PLANT SALE COMMITTEE MEMBERS *present*

SECRETS OF THE 89TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

MONDAY, APRIL 6 AT 7:30 PM

Get some behind-the-scenes glimpses of New Jersey's "Big Momma of Plant Sales" and learn what makes the sale so popular and so much fun. We'll also preview some of the many (many!) perennials, annuals, herbs, and other special and unique plants that draw shoppers from all over the region and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 6 at 7:30 pm
 Woodland Parlor
 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood

Wednesday, April 29 at 9 am
Unload Plants
 Maplewood Pool
 187 Boyden Avenue

Saturday, May 2 at 1 pm
Plant Sale Table Set-up
 Maplewood Pool

Monday, May 4 at 9 am
Plant Transfer
 From the greenhouse to the pool
 Meeting at the greenhouse

Monday, May 4 at 9:15 am
Plant Off-Load
 Receiving plants at the pool

Monday, May 4, 12:30 - 4 pm
Tue., May 5, 9 am - 12:30 pm
Wed., May 6, 9 am - 12:30 pm
Pre-Sale Staging
 Maplewood Pool

May 7 - 9
MGC's 89th Annual Plant Sale
 Maplewood Pool

May 17
Mayfest
 Springfield Avenue

MGC's 89TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

MAY 7 - 9, 2026

The **2026 Maplewood Garden Club's 89th Annual Plant Sale** will be at our traditional location at the Maplewood Community Pool parking lot **May 7, 8, and 9** this year, and the Plant Sale Committee has been hard at work preparing.

The Plant Sale daily routines will start the weekend before on Saturday, May 2 with site pre-sale tasks and end on Sunday,

May 10. **This is our MAIN fundraiser** for the community supported programs and operating expenses of our Club.

Please take a look at all the fun opportunities available to get involved at this year's Plant Sale. All members are encouraged to help in any way they can.

~ Lisa Lackey (917) 334-9265
ljlackey6@yahoo.com



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

APRIL 2026

APRIL, WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME! Spring is here and our gardens are waking up. All that snow and rain have given us many spring blooms. My hellebores were a little late but now everything is popping up and bringing me joy. I was able to get some compost in the ground and I am looking forward to watching my plants and vegetables grow. Already there are some asparagus growing. I also started soaking my dahlia tubers so they will be ready to plant.



PAUL AND I WENT ON THE MGC trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show for the first time. The trip was very nice. We had a comfortable bus, plenty of snacks and water, and good company. The show was amazing. What artistry! The displays were informative and creative. Just walking amongst all the flowers was delightful. Gary and Francine did a great job organizing and facilitating the trip!

POTTING UP IS DONE and we are starting to get ready for our plant sale. The Plant Sale is our one big fundraiser. Without the funds from the Plant Sale we couldn't do many of the things that we do. Those funds support our scholarship program, money for our community gardens, our awards dinner, our greenhouse, our meetings with tea and coffee, our newsletter, and all our other programs. We really depend on our

members to make our Plant Sale successful. It is quite amazing to see how the Plant Sale shapes up — from setting up the tables and canopies, to bringing the plants that we grew from the greenhouse, to unloading the annuals, vegetables, and herbs. Everything is well organized and done by our members.

WE DEPEND ON MEMBERS to volunteer. No time is too short so even if you cannot commit to an entire time slot, you can still come in and help. I often just do part of a shift because I have to go to work.

And it is really fun volunteering! I have learned a lot from setting up the plants and I always have fun socializing with the other volunteers. There are all types of ways that you can help. If you want to work alone, we can find a task for you. If you want to work as a team, there are lots of opportunities to do that as well. You can even bring family members to help. After unloading the plants, we have to price them and place them in the correct areas. It involves some walking but not heavy lifting. We also water the plants. The Plant Sale team has signs and directions for the places to put the plants and everyone is helpful so don't worry about not knowing what to do. Once the sale starts there are other jobs to do and plenty of snacks to keep you energized.



I HOPE TO SEE MANY of you at the Plant Sale and prior to the sale helping with setting up. Thanks in advance for all the members who make our sale one of the best plant sales in New Jersey.

~ Virginia Nordberg
president@maplewoodgardenclub.org



HELP UNLOAD BEAUTIFUL SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 9 AM

On **Wednesday, April 29, at 9 am**, MGC will be receiving its first Plant Sale week delivery of shrubs and perennials. Many hands are needed to unload the truck, price the plants and stash them behind the pool gates. If you can help, you'll get a sneak peek at all the beautiful Clematis, Irises, Hydrangeas, etc. that will be available at the sale. With enough hands, the job will take about 2 hours. This event will be on Signup Genius or feel free to contact me directly. Many thanks!

~ Laura Nial (973) 762-4136 nial590@verizon

VOLUNTEER FOR MAYFEST 2026

SUNDAY, MAY 17

SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, MAPLEWOOD

Last year, for the first time, we hosted a table at Mayfest and afterwards, Sarah G. said, "So...we're doing it again next year, right?"

Mayfest 2026 is scheduled for **May 17**, the Sunday after Mother's Day on Springfield Avenue. We need a little help transporting a few flats of plant material from and to the Cronin's house and helping with set up/take down. We invite you to spend some enjoyable time answering the community's questions, walking around the festival, and chewing the fat with other MGC members. You can stay as little or as long as you like.

If you are free to assist, please shoot me a text or email or talk to me directly.

Thank you!

~ Liz Demkin (973) 906-1511 liz@uffcorp.com

MEMBERS KEEPING IN TOUCH

🌱 Long-time MGC member Michelle Bobrow is received the Library's **Carol Buchanan Award for Outstanding Contribution to Civic and Intellectual Life** on March 23. Michelle has been involved with the League of Women Voters for many, many years. She also teaches knitting at the Adult School - one of her passions. Congratulations Michelle!

~ Evie Bharucha (973) 763-6875 bharucha@verizon.net

MAPLEFOOD YOUTH GARDEN PROGRAM

Calling all family gardeners! Join the Youth Garden Program in the MapleFood garden to grow and harvest delicious vegetables for volunteers and to distribute to food pantries! Our sessions have begun with preparing garden beds with compost and stringing off the squares for square foot gardening. Peas, radishes, spinach, and beets have been planted. Seedlings are growing in the rental greenhouse, and will soon be ready to transplant into the garden.

If you are interested in helping, please inquire at youthgarden@maplewoodgardenclub.org.

Programs are free of charge. Happy gardening!

~ Monika Hannemann

youthgarden@maplewoodgardenclub.org





EDUCATIONAL FUN

I've been taking Joanne Berkerich's Home Gardening class at the South Orange Adult School. We're doing bench work, and helping each other with our projects.

Here's photos of Steven Kuipers and I potting up a Hoya and trellising it.

~ Jennifer Richardson (908) 656-7171
jarn1010@comcast.net

THE MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Maplewood Memorial Day Parade is coming soon, and our Club will once again be joining the fun. Along with an awe-inspiring group of community organizations we will proudly carry our Club banner through the streets of town dressed in our MGC finest (Logo T-shirts, to which you can add your chosen floral finery) and toting our favorite garden tools.

All Club members are encouraged to join in and proclaim their love of gardening as we promenade through town and promote our phenomenal Club, reflect on the purpose of the day and remember the sacrifices so many have made so we can now enjoy the freedoms and liberty we have living in our wonderful town.

The route and gathering time has yet to be finalized, but watch our website, email blasts and next month's newsletter for updates.

~ Kathy Kohlman (973) 886-4440 kpkohlman@gmail.com



PLANT SALE FOOD

Besides funding our activities, scholarships and projects around town, the MGC Plant Sale is a FUN, bonding experience for our membership and our customers. To make it even more fun and to keep everyone's energy up, we **FEED our volunteers**. For that we NEED your **HELP**. Our soup queen Maria will be making soup daily for lunch that we will serve with some side dish or salad. We will also have dinner available on Thursday and Friday. We would truly appreciate it if everyone brought something to share with your fellow volunteers. Cookies, desserts, salads, side dishes, snacks, we can use it ALL.

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The menu is subject to change but so far it is:

LUNCHES

- Monday Chili, Cornbread, Salads
- Tuesday Lentil & Escarole Soup & Ham (for snacking or sandwiches)
- Wednesday Turkey & Kale Soup, Sandwich rollups
- Thursday No Official Lunch (early dinner)
- Friday Pea Soup (Tuesday's Ham reappears) & Tuna Salad
- Saturday Leftovers

DINNERS

- Thursday Red Lentil Soup with Chicken Salad
 - Friday Fried Chicken & Salads
 - Saturday Leftovers
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Tea, coffee, snacks, & cookies will be available all day. Jugs of water will be available so PLEASE bring a refillable water bottle. There will be **NO SINGLE USE WATER BOTTLES**.

For planning purposes, please text, email or call us about what you are bringing BUT feel free to bring any surprises if you get inspired at the last minute.

The food and volunteer **REST AREA** will be located in the old First-Aid Squad/Library building this year because of construction in the pool building.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!!

~ Karen Donovan (973) 519-4956
Maria Mulkern (917) 733-3138



FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 and WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - HOLLY HOUSE IN EAST
BRUNSWICK, NJ

WHEN: April 14 Horticulture & April 15 Artistic Design

COURSE INFO:

Horticulture – Hellebores and Collections/ Displays
Design – Abstract Design, Reflective Design
and Schedule writing

COST: \$90 per single day; or \$170 for both days.
No reduced price for a half day attendance.

DURATION: 8:00 am – 5:15 pm. One can stay for the whole day or until noon when the topics above will be completed. The second half of the day is to learn, and practice point scoring for judges. It's very informative and gives you an idea of what the judges are looking for.

LOCATION: Holly House/Rutgers Gardens, 30 Log Cabin Road, East Brunswick, NJ, 08816

DEADLINE: **MUST REGISTER BY WED., APRIL 1** to attend. Information and registration form is on the GCNJ website at www.garden-clubofnewjersey.org look for "Schools" in the black banner.

DRIVERS NEEDED: **Transportation is not provided.**
If anyone is going and willing to take others along, please let Sue Tully know at stullynj@gmail.com so that we can coordinate.

~ Sue Tully (862) 266-3991 stullynj@gmail.com



CONSERVATION CORNER

APRIL 2026

There is so much gardening to think about as the weather finally warms! While there are many options for buying plants and seeds, I am trying to shop as small and local as possible these days. One exciting local resource for plant material is the Great Swamp Watershed's Native Plant Sale (www.greatswamp.org/native-plant-sale). It runs from April 1-21, 2026, and plants are delivered to a centralized drop-off site in South Orange.



I purchased from this sale last year for the first time, and I loved it for several reasons: It supports a great local environmental organization, The Great Swamp Watershed; It offers a very wide selection of plants, offered both individually and in collections by growing conditions; The plants are very high quality, with large root systems.

As part of my gradual transition to native plants that are edible to humans and/or wildlife, I have learned a lot about how beautiful and functional these plants are. With so much in the world that is beyond our control, how nice to feel that you can make choices that actually have a positive impact on our local ecology.

One of my favorite writers/speakers on this subject is University of Delaware Entomologist Doug Tallamy. You can find his work everywhere—in bookstores, on YouTube, etc. He was featured in an April 2025 *New York Times* article by Margaret Roach and had this to say about the four ecological responsibilities of every landscape.

It needs to:

- 🌱 Manage the watershed in which it lies
- 🌱 Support pollinators
- 🌱 Support a viable food web
- 🌱 Sequester carbon

It is easy to accomplish all these goals by planting native plants and regularly adding organic matter via roots in the ground, compost and mulch. We can do these things a little bit at a time and the benefits will gradually become evident.

Our health is intimately tied to the health of the environment. If we begin to think in terms of systems, one element affecting the other into infinity, then we will start to understand what is needed for healing and health.

~ Virginia Lamb virginialamb1@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE

MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB AWARDS DINNER

Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm
St. George's Church Community Room

More information at the April meeting.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW 2026

The Maplewood Garden Club's trip to the flower show on Tuesday, March 3 was enjoyed by all! We had a wonderful time viewing the extremely vibrant and creative exhibits! We're looking forward to next year. Thanks Gary for organizing!





CALLING ALL PROUD GARDENERS

The 2026 MGC Garden Walk needs your help!

Last year we highlighted edible gardens and Club members had a chance to see seven wonderful displays of community, backyard and even a rooftop garden.

This year, following the shade garden presentation at the March meeting, we'd like to highlight how you garden in those shady areas that we all have.

Would you like to open your **SHADE GARDEN** up for the Garden Walk? No shade garden too big or too small.

Share your tips with other Club members, what's worked, what hasn't, as we turn our attention to the shade.

Date TBD in June, 10 am-12 pm

Email Mindy Greenspan with your interest at mindygreenspan@gmail.com or call (201) 704-3064.

If you have a photo or two of your shade garden from past years that would be great!

~ Mindy Greenspan (201) 704-3064
mindygreenspan@gmail.com



MARCH EXHIBIT WINNERS

ARTISTIC DESIGN

**Theme: Heavy Rain in the Forecast:
Dark Colored Flowers**

Challenge: Underwater Design

1st: Sue Tully

2nd: Kathy Kohlman

3rd Tie: Vicky Borrone, Liz Demkin

Intermediate: Parallel Design

1st: Jennifer Richardson

2nd: Christina Ainge

Novice: American Traditional Line Design - S Curve

1st: Susan Darwin

Open: Designer's Choice

No Entries

HORTICULTURAL

1. *Oxalis* plant

1st: Vicky Borrone

2. *Bromeliad*

1st: Jennifer Richardson

2. *Philodendron*

1st: Jennifer Richardson

4. Open

Class A: Bulbs

1st: Roz Kendellen – Amaryllis

Class B: Plants

1st: Karen Donovan – *Epipremnum aureum*,
Golden Pothos variegated

2nd: Karen Donovan – *Rhaphidophora*
tetrasperma, Mini Monstera

3rd: Jennifer Richardson – *Tradescantia*
'Nanouk', Pink Wandering Dude

~ REMINDER ~

The deadline for the May newsletter is **Thurs., April 9.**

Send your news items and photos to
dianemcollins@yahoo.com

APRIL EXHIBITS

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Please read “Artistic Division Rules” on page 13 in the current yearbook, as well as the 2024 revised edition of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (see right).

Theme: Clear Blue Skies Ahead with Large Puffy Clouds - Round Flowers with Puffy Appearance

Challenge: Tubular Design, see *Handbook*, page 77.

Intermediate: Creative Line-Mass Design, see *Handbook*, page 74.

Novice: American Traditional Line Design – Horizontal Line, see *Handbook*, pages 70-71.

Open: Designer’s Choice (one entry per member)

HORTICULTURAL

Please read “Horticulture Division Rules” on page 13 in the current yearbook, as well as the 2024 revised edition of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (see right).

1. **Narcissus (daffodil)**, one cut specimen
2. **Flowering House Plant**, potted (container not to exceed 10" radius)
3. **Helleborus (Lenten Rose)**, one cut specimen
4. **Open** (maximum 2 entries per person)

REMINDERS:

- **Judging starts at 7:15 pm.** Please clear the area of the exhibit tables so the judge and exhibit team can score your plant material and designs.
- Please do not interrupt the team while they are judging; they are working as quickly as possible so that the guest speaker can begin.

Thank you for bringing in your horticultural exhibits and floral designs for all to see! The Exhibits team deeply appreciates your involvement in the monthly exhibits.

~ [Vicky Borrone \(973\) 763-0633 mborrone@hotmail.com](mailto:Vicky.Borrone@973.763-0633)
[Sue Tully \(862\) 266-3991 stullynj@gmail.com](mailto:Sue.Tully@862.266-3991)

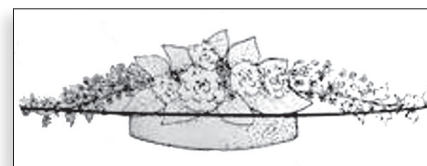
EXHIBITORS CORNER

All designers should refer to Chapter 7 of the latest version of the “National Garden Clubs, Inc., *Handbook for Flower Shows*”, (revised July 2024), for more detail. The *Handbook* is available on the MGC website maplewoodgardenclub.org under, **Calendars** → **Design Exhibit Schedule** → **National Garden Club-Handbook for Flower Shows** ([blue link](#)). Not all design requirements are listed in this newsletter.

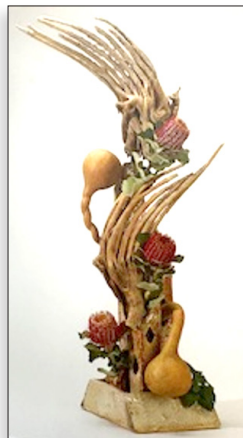
Note that the designs are listed for the physical pages of the *Handbook*, the online counter adds another 11 pages, i.e., page 71 of *Handbook* is page 82 of page counter on website.

ARTISTIC DESIGN April’s theme is “Clear Blue Skies Ahead with Large Puffy Clouds - Round Flowers with Puffy Appearance.”

Novice designers are to create a “American Traditional Line Design – Horizontal Line”. This style conforms to the characteristics of American Traditional styles with great restraint in the quantity of plant material used. A linear pattern is dominant which forms a horizontal line.

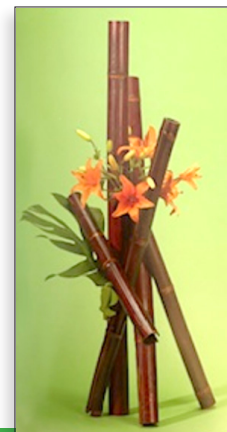


American Traditional Line Design - Horizontal Line Design example



Creative Line-Mass Design example

Challenge level designers are to create a “Tubular Design”. A Creative Design having a dominance of cylindrical components throughout. The tubular construction may be a single large tube or multiple smaller tubes as long as the tubular form dominates the design.



S-Curve Design example

MARCH 2026 EXHIBIT AWARDS



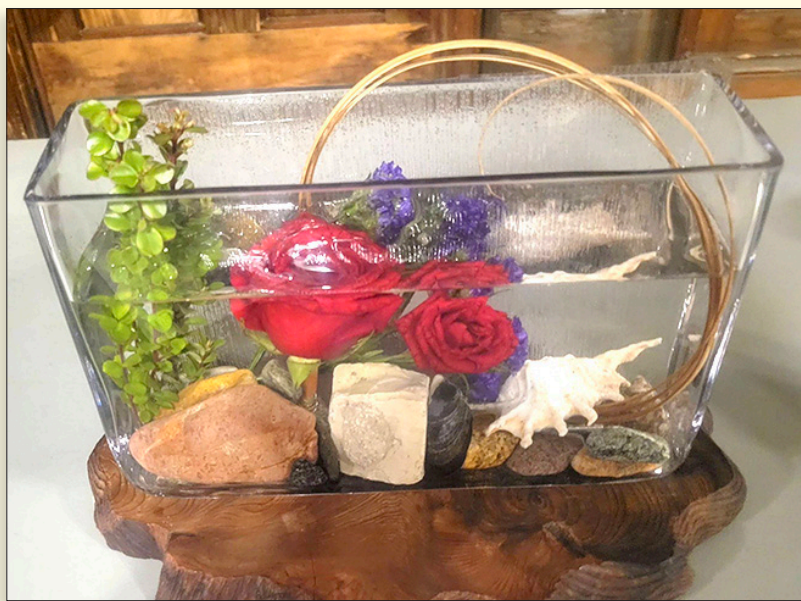
Kathy Kohlman - 2nd Challenge



Liz Demkin - 3rd Challenge



Vicky Borrone - 3rd Challenge



Sue Tully - 1st Challenge



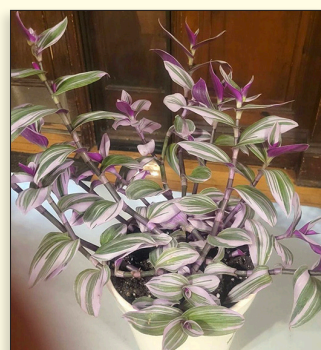
Susan Darwin - 1st Novice



Vicky Borrone - 1st



Jennifer Richardson - 1st



Jennifer Richardson - 3rd



Karen Donovan - 2nd

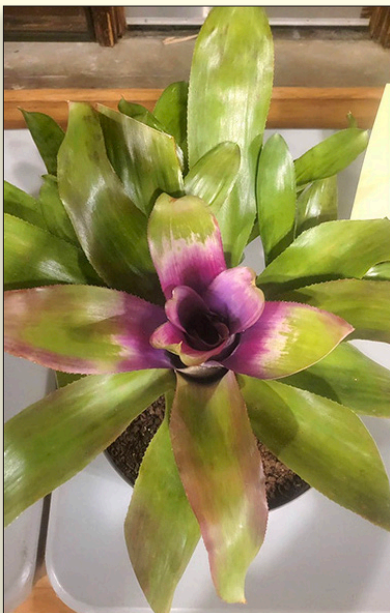


Christina Ainge - 2nd Intermediate



Jennifer Richardson - 1st Intermediate

*Thanks for entering your
beautiful plants and flowers!*



Jennifer Richardson - 1st



Roz Kenellen - 1st



Karen Donovan - 1st

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT THE MGC 2026

PLANT SALE

BASKETS NEEDED

If you have empty baskets you would like to offload, please give them to me at the April meeting, or leave them inside my front porch at 19 Woodland Rd. We also use decorative tins. Small-to-medium vessels are best; nothing oversized. Thank you!

~ Liz Demkin (973) 906-1511 liz@uffcorp.com

BOXES FOR CUSTOMER PURCHASES

Grab as many boxes as you can (the shallow ones produce is delivered in — we need many **HUNDREDS**) when you're doing your grocery shopping and bring them to the sale for our customers to carry their "loot." So, when you are doing your grocery or Costco shopping be sure to collect as many boxes as you can and bring them to the Sale.

LAWN SIGNS

To help promote the Sale we have signs for you to display on your front lawn. They will be available for pick-up at the April meeting, or anytime after the meeting, to the side of the Lackey's house at 37 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood. They should be displayed from **Saturday, April 18th** until after the sale. These signs are reused each year. You can return them to the side of the Lackey's house after the sale or bring them to the June Awards Dinner.

THURSDAY, MAY 7 NOON - 8PM

FRIDAY, MAY 8 8AM - 8PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9 8AM - 4PM

POSTERS

We will have Plant Sale posters to display on public noticeboards and in local shops throughout the surrounding towns and need volunteers to post them. If you can help post the posters, contact Lisa Lackey (917) 334-9265.

SignUp GENIUS

We will be using SignUp Genius (SUG), an online application, again this year to register member volunteers for the various tasks needed to prepare and carry out the sale. Each task is broken down into days and shifts. Some tasks are quite simple, others may require more physical effort. Choose the ones that suit you best. You may wish to sign up for multiple shifts or tasks or join in on additional days. We have tried to provide enough choices to accommodate everyone's comfort level so we can all participate in this exciting and fun MGC event. The tasks are typically scheduled in 4-hour shifts. If you cannot commit to the full shift, feel free to dedicate as much time as you can and note that in your SUG response.

When you receive the MGC email link to Sign-Up Genius, please respond as soon as possible so the Plant Sale Committee members know who to expect on each day. **Only click on the link that is included in the message from MGC – DO NOT log in to Sign-Up Genius directly.** If you do not have email access, please contact Bill Kohlman at (973) 886-0681 and he will sign you up.





SET UP AND SALE HELP

The following is the list of days, tasks, and shifts for your review. The tasks are typically scheduled in 4-hour shifts. If you cannot commit to the full shift, feel free to dedicate as much time as you can and note that in your SignUp Genius response.

PLANT TABLE SET UP **Saturday, May 2: 1 pm - 3 pm**

Volunteers needed at the pool to help set up the plant tables.

PLANT TRANSFER **Monday, May 4: 9 am - 12 pm**

Volunteers needed at the greenhouses to help transport plants from the Garden Behind the Greenhouse and the Greenhouses to the area in front of the upper greenhouse, and load plants into the van and private vehicles.

PLANT OFF-LOAD **Monday, May 4: 9:15 am - 12:30 pm**

Meet at the pool parking lot to off-load perennials from the transport vehicles to the tables in the center parking lot aisle.

PRE-SALE STAGING **Monday, May 4: 12:30 pm - 4 pm**

Meet at the pool parking lot to place perennials in their proper locations and help with other Plant Sale set-up tasks.

PRE-SALE STAGING **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 - 6: 9 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm - 4 pm**

Volunteers needed at the pool to continue pre-sale staging, help with deliveries, and final set-up details.

Lots of help needed!

PLANT SALE SUPPORT

Thursday, May 7: PLANT SALE OPENS AT NOON!

COMPLETE SET-UP: 9 am - Noon Volunteer shopping will take place 10 - 10:45am

SALES SUPPORT: 11:45 am - 4 pm or 4 pm - 8 pm

Friday, May 8: SALES SUPPORT: 7:45 am - Noon, Noon - 4 pm or 4 pm - 8 pm

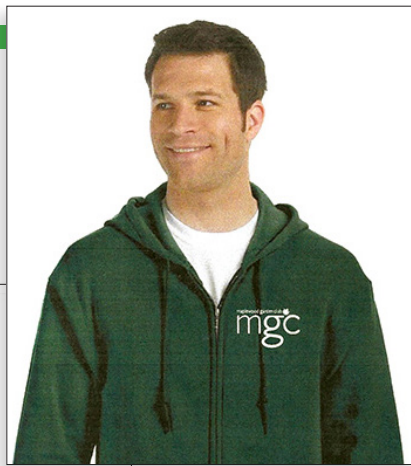
Saturday May 9: SALES SUPPORT: 7:45 am - Noon or Noon - 4 pm

PLANT TRANSFER: 4 pm - 5 pm Volunteers needed with cars to transport remaining plants to their after-sale locations.

POST SALE BREAKDOWN Sunday, May 10: 9 am - 11 am

Volunteers needed to transport equipment, canopies, wagons, cement blocks, etc.





BUY YOUR MGC APPAREL NOW!

Orders for MGC T-shirts and sweatshirts are being taken this month. These are available for Garden Club members only. We encourage members to wear MGC logo T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats at the MGC Plant Sale and other Garden Club events and workdays.

MGC T-shirts \$15 each (available at the April meeting)

MGC T-shirts are 100% cotton.

Ladies' T-shirt sizes are S, M, L, XL, XXL

Men's T-shirt sizes are S, M, L, XL, XXL

MGC Sweatshirts \$150 (must be pre-ordered)

MGC sweatshirts are 100% cotton with a center zipper, hood and kangaroo pockets.

Regular sizes are S, M, L, XL

Please note: A minimum order of 12 sweatshirts is required to purchase from the vendor.

Before I can order more, I will need at least 12 sweatshirts ordered.

For more information or to place your orders, please contact Juliet Powell by phone (646) 642-3228 or by email julietpowellesq@gmail.com.

~ **Juliet Powell** (646) 642-3228 julietpowellesq@gmail.com

PLANT SALE CASHIERS AND TALLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As you might have heard, the 89th MGC Plant Sale is happening on May 7, 8, and 9 and this is your opportunity to help out!



If you are comfortable with

adding orders and/or receiving

customer payments, please call Christina Ainge to volunteer. There will be training sessions to learn the payment system and plant prices. It is lots of fun and you will get to work with other wonderful people from the Club.

Look for the sign up slots on SignUp Genius, call Christina Ainge at (917) 292-1378 or email christina@ainge.com for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your help and I cannot wait to hear from you.

~ **Christina Ainge** (917) 292-1378 christina@ainge.com

GET YOUR GARDEN GLOVES EARLY!

Garden gloves are being offered to Club members for purchase during the month of April. We have assorted colored nitrile gloves and green and yellow latex gloves. Both are machine washable/air dry and cost **\$8 each**. Sizes are XS, S, M, L and XL.

To order and arrange for porch pick up in Maplewood, contact Judy Cronin. Exact cash or checks only.

Note: These gloves will also be available for purchase during the Plant Sale.

~ **Judy Cronin**

(973) 763-5070

judymcronin@gmail.com



2026 MGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dear Members,

It is that time of the year again when we renew our memberships with the Maplewood Garden Club. It is important that we get all our renewals completed by April 30th when our membership roster is due to The Garden Club of New Jersey who provides us our insurance policy to which the member roster is critical. So please get your renewals in on time so we can include you on our roster with GCNJ. Any new members who joined after December 1, 2025 are considered already paid for 2026 and do not need to pay again. I will be at the meetings and if members don't want to make any changes, they can leave checks or cash with me.

Thank you,
Christina Ainge
MGC Membership Chair

INDIVIDUAL: \$20.00

FAMILY: \$30.00

Please make check payable to [Maplewood Garden Club](#), and mail along with this form by April 15th to:

Maplewood Garden Club, c/o Christina Ainge, P.O. Box 188, Maplewood, NJ 07040

Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____
(please print)

Phone #: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____
(please print)

Note: Email is our preferred method of communication and for those members who give consent email addresses will be printed in the yearbook. *Please print clearly.*

Email: _____
(All email addresses are used for Garden Club business and correspondence only)

Please check boxes:

- I give MGC permission to also include my email address in the Club's yearbook.
 I want to "Go Green", please email me my Maplewood Garden Club Newsletters.

All email addresses are for the use of the Garden Club business and correspondence only.

INTERESTS

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Durand-Hedden Herb Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Meeting Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Propagation | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Station Decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wreath Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticultural Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Day |

If your circumstances have changed and you wish to resign your membership, please let us know by sending a note in the enclosed envelope, so that follow-up calls to you won't be necessary.

MARCH RAFFLE

The **March Raffle table** was glowing green with prizes in all shades of green. The raffle winners with the Luck of the Irish this month were: **Debbie Mainiero** who will be enjoying some Irish tea and scones while reading her Native Gardening book, **Kathy Kohlman** who will also be enjoying Irish tea & scones with some artichoke candles and a cute mini book, **Gary Bierman** who will be a Shade Gardening expert after reading his new book, **Bob Iglesias** who will have some well-fed plants because of plant food winnings, **Avis Spann** whose digging and weeding will be much easier with her new Hori Hori knife, **Judy Cronin** whose planting will be easier with her new Planting Kit. **Kathy Kohlman** was a double winner this month because she also won the Birthday Raffle. Happy Birthday to Kathy and all our other March birthdays.

At every meeting we have FREE raffle of fun items which I try to coordinate with the season or the speaker. If you have something NEW or LIKE NEW that you would like to donate to the raffle, you can bring it to any meeting or drop it off on my front porch. This month, SIX of the eight raffle gifts contained something donated. THANKS to our benefactors.

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