**Garden Club of Harrington Park**

**2015-2016 Meetings and Events**

The Garden Club or Harrington Park holds General Meetings the first Thursday of every month (except where otherwise noted) September through June in the Harrington Park Library (second floor). The meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. and include a lecture by a guest speaker on various gardening topics, followed by a Q & A, and refreshments. Each meeting we have a floral contest, whereby members interpret a given theme.

Traditionally, in June we have a field trip and luncheon, and on occasion, we have mini-field trips to a garden, a garden show, or anything garden!

**September 10, 2015**

Speaker: Marc Zukovich, Owner Sterling Horticultural Services

Topic: “Designing the Mixed Border”

**October 1, 2015**

Speaker: Tom Bender and **Paul Kubarych,** Garden Club Members

Topic: “Everything You Want to Know About Groundcovers!”

**November 5, 2015**

Speaker: Jeffrey Van Pelt, Horticulture Supervisor at the Somerset County Park Commission Colonial Park Gardens

Topic: “Easy Care Perennials”

**November 7, 2015**– Barrel “Greening” 10:00 A.M. – Downtown H.P.

Bring Your Gloves & Trowel

**November 22, 2015** - 2:00 P.M. “Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop” – Conducted by Gerri Gibney – Fee

Library, Pre-Registration Required – contact [themerchantmouse@aol.com](mailto:themerchantmouse@aol.com) or 201 768-2615

**December 3, 2015**

Speaker: Gerri Gibney

Topic: Hands on Workshop –“Dazzling Greens”

Wreath and Holiday Arrangements

Make-It and Take-It

**December 11, 2015**

Garden Club Holiday Get-Together – Pot Luck “Nibbles and Sweets” at The Gibney’s – 7:00 P.M.

**January 7, 2016**

“Members’ Night & Winners & Losers in the Garden” – A Fun Evening of Garden Club Members’ “Slide Show and Tell” of Their Own Gardens, Gardens Visited, or Anything Garden

**February 4, 2016**

Speaker: Gerri Gibney, President Garden Club of Harrington Park; “In the Garden” Columnist

Topic: “A Garden for the Senses; Sight, Smell, Taste, Touch, & Hearing”

**March 3, 2016**

Speaker: Chris Raimondi, Owner Raimondi Horticultural Group

Topic: “Annuals & Their Colors in *Your* Landscape”

**March 19, 2016** – Mini Field Trip to “Springfest” – Augusta, N. J., Luncheon to Follow – Fee

**April 7, 2016**

Speaker: Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers University Gardens

Topic: TBD

**April 30, 2016** – Garden Club Plant Sale (Many Homegrown Plants) – Annual Fundraiser held at the Library Parking Lot – 9:00 A.M. – Noon

**May 5, 2016** – ***Plant Swap***

Speaker: Barbara Mullen, Past President, Garden Club of N. J.

Topic: “Lilies & Day Lilies”

**May 14, 2016** – Barrel Planting -

10:00 A.M.

Beautification of Downtown H.P.

**June 4, 2016**  – 10:00 A.M.

Tour of Members’ Gardens and Pot Luck Barbecue

**June 18, 2016** – Field Trip

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, N.J., Docent Led Tour - Depart Library Parking Lot at 9:00 A.M.

Entrance Fee

Luncheon - TBD

**Garden Club of Harrington Park**

**Membership**

Membership is open to anyone with a love of gardening. Whether you are an arm chair gardener or an on your knees dirt gardener – we welcome all. Incidentally, we have both men and women members in our Club – we were one of the first garden clubs in New Jersey to have both, because, since our inception we have met in the evening! You do not have to be a resident of Harrington Park, many of our members are from surrounding towns.

Our dues are:

Individual - $15.00

Family - $25.00

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club, please send your check, made payable to the Garden Club of Harrington Park, to Dot Durbec, 311 Parkway, Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640. Please include your address, phone number, and e-mail.

**Opportunities for Fun**

You can enjoy the Garden Club in so many ways; by attending our meetings, and/or volunteering to be a refreshment host, helping with special events, and, if you would like, jumping in with both hands for some of our on-going dirt projects, such as the barrel plantings in the downtown area.

These barrels have been purchased and maintained by the Club. Each year we replace the old barrels, if needed, and plant flowers to be enjoyed in the spring, summer, and early fall. Come late fall we replace the spent flowers with evergreens to last the winter into the early spring. During the growing season, you might want to join the “Water Wizards.” The Wizards sign-up to water the plant life in the barrels to keep them fresh and beautiful.

This Club year we plan to have a Spring Plant Sale for our fundraiser. This will need helping hands too.

**Affiliations**

We are members of the Garden Club of New Jersey and the Garden Club of America.

***Information about the Garden Club, please call Gerri Gibney at 201 768-2615 or 201 913-8459,*** [***themerchantmouse@aol.com***](mailto:themerchantmouse@aol.com) ***– We’re on Facebook – friend us!***

[***www.gardenclubofharringtonpark.com***](http://www.gardenclubofharringtonpark.com)

***2015 – Our 25th Anniversary!***

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