



# NYACK COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWSLETTER November 2016

## End of a Lovely Garden Season and Housekeeping

It is making work for others and making it hard for everyone to get their plots ready for winter and for the various committees to do their winter preparation tasks. You are responsible for removing everything you brought into the garden and grew in your plots (including weeds) from the garden by **this Sunday, November 6**.

- \* Garbage: Must be put in plastic garbage bags or bundled, if too large to fit in bags. Do not leave any garbage within the fenced garden. It may be left bagged or bundled by the curb on Depew Avenue or near the garbage can on Franklin Street.
- \* Compostable vegetation: Must in brown paper compost bags and left by the curb on Depew Avenue or by the curb near the garbage can on Franklin Street.
- \* Small wooden stakes used to mark plots: These are reused and should be stored in the shed.
- \* Contact the garden's presidents, John Dunnigan, 358-9126 or Lynda Grant, lhgrant1@gmail.com, 358-2175, to get permission to store items over the winter. Approved items must be bundled and identified with your plot number or name and stored neatly on the north and south sides of the shed.  
Anything left messily or unlabeled will be discarded.  
Nyack Community Garden is *not* responsible for any items stored in the garden over the winter.

Note: The Shed Committee is responsible for having both compost bags and garbage bags available for gardeners' use. Please notify committee members if there are few or no bags in the shed. Members names and contact information are posted on the shed.

## POTLUCK

This year's potluck was well attended and featured meals cooked with some herbs, fruits and vegetables from our very own gardeners.

"The dinner had tasty, interesting food and a warm friendly atmosphere. Highlights included sharing of recipes and of gardening tips and seed for next year," said Robin Brown, plot 23 and Nyack Community Garden Email Manager.

## THE BENCH



There was a wonderful new addition to our garden this year-- a handmade wooden bench located near the tool shed. Requests by gardeners for someplace to sit and inspired by the beautiful bench that new gardener Greer Griffin installed in plot 13 North, Marie Dilluvio (with the approval of fellow Executive Committee members) arranged to have a custom-made bench created. The skilled craftsperson who made it is Dan Proctor, the maker of Greer's bench.

Dan tells us the bench is made of honey locust that he cut on a friend's land and milled in his own sawmill. The frame is made without nails and uses mortise-and-tendons with black walnut trunnels to hold it in place.

## VINES ON THE FENCE

At the annual gardeners' meeting and on the list of rules, we are always reminded to keep vines, including morning glories, off the fences. This is easier said than done. The brutally hot summer and lack of rain this year did most plants no favors, but the morning glories seemed to relish it. People do plant them on purpose, because they are spectacular, and enough of them growing up a sunny wall of your house can help keep you a little cooler in the summer.

For many of the rest of us, they are obnoxiously invasive.



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### **Nyack Community Garden Executive Committee**

John Dunnigan, Co-president | Lynda Grant, Co-president/Secretary  
Marie Dilluvio, Treasurer  
Robin Brown | Laura Pakaln

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### **Newsletter & Bulletin Board Committee**

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## BUTTERFLY WAYSTATION

The flower garden at the corner of Franklin and Hudson is more than just a lovely flower bed. Laura Pakaln and the rest of her committee are committed to making it into a waystation for monarch butterflies. Three to five generations of monarch butterflies are born each spring and summer. At the caterpillar stage, they eat exclusively milkweed, which has been planted in the corner flower bed, as it contains a toxin which will harm predators even after they become adult butterflies. Most of the butterflies born every year only live a few weeks, but the final generation born every year can live up to eight months as they travel to warmer climates for the winter, some travelling all the way to Mexico.

Unfortunately, the monarch butterfly population is endangered due to pesticides, habitat loss due to development, and climate change, making waystations all the more important. Laura is registering the garden with the [Monarch Waystation Program](#) and plans to add signage indicating its importance. For more information about monarch butterflies, see <http://www.nwf.org/wildlife/wildlife-library/invertebrates/monarch-butterfly.aspx> and <https://www.nps.gov/articles/monarch-butterfly.htm>.

## NYACK COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTEST WINNERS 2016

### **BEST OVERALL GARDEN**

Jill Remaly - #37

### **BEST MAINTAINED**

- 1st Place – Susan Beckwith - #7
- 2nd Place – Mari Natal - #24
- 3rd Place – Barbara Berasi-Rosen, #3

### **BEST CLUSTER: #3, PLOTS 17A-25**

Sandy Feldman, Marc Pritsky, Christina Herandez, Duncan Bell & Jennifer Hausler, Christine Randolph, Umberto Fava, Berrie Peterson & Jo Robbins, Cluster Leader Robin Brown, Mari Natal, and Adrienne Alcaro

### **BEST VEGETABLE AND/OR FLOWER GARDEN**

- 1st Place – Lynda Grant - #42
- 2nd Place – Shane Grady - #38
- 3rd Place – Adrienne Alcaro - #25

### **MOST CREATIVE GARDEN**

- 1st Place – Duncan Bell and Jennifer Hausler - #19
- 2nd Place – Jill Remaly - #37

