
NYACK COMMUNITY GARDEN

September - October 2017

You're invited! Please come to our Potluck Dinner



on Thursday, October 19, 7:00 PM

The event is the 2017 Potluck Dinner of the Nyack Community Garden.

The place is the Nyack Senior Center at 90 Depew Avenue (the same place we had our organizational meeting).

The time is 7 to 9 pm on Thursday, October 19.

Our annual Potluck Dinner always has great food and conversations, including terrific gardening discussions. Gardeners each bring a dish of their choosing that will serve ten (10) or more. There is an abundance of tasty items ranging from soups to deserts. Typically, both meat-eaters and vegetarians have delicious options. Many gardeners contribute homemade dishes using produce grown at our Garden, but it's a potluck so any type of dish is welcome including store-brought items. Drinks are provided.

New this year to make our evening even better are:

- **Bring Your Family or a Friend.** A "more the merrier" invitation to our members to bring your spouse, a friend, and/or your children. Please bring a larger "pot" if your group is large.
- **Awards Ceremony.** The return of the awards ceremony with gifts to the winners of the 2017 Garden Contest. To receive prizes the contest winners must attend the Dinner or must let Marie Dilluvio know at mvenus1220@aol.com who will pick up their prize for them at the Dinner.
- **A Raffle.** An opportunity for all gardeners in attendance to win a special gift. Member will receive a free raffle ticket and there will be a drawing.

Kim Knight has chaired the Potluck Dinner Committee since 2009 and other committee members, aided by our Treasurer Marie Dilluvio, organize a fun event. We look forward to seeing you at the Potluck Dinner on Thursday, October 19.

Please confirm that you will attend and let us know how many are coming with you in an email to nyackcommunitygarden@gmail.com or phone 845-358-5229.



--Robin Brown



We Were There!



Our tent with Jill, Paul, and visitors.



Jill behind our flowers, poster, and baskets with lavender samples.



Table with samples, flowers, and Guess container. Aaris explaining our Guess Contest.



Young visitor enjoying our samples.



Aaris, Donna, and Howard

The day was lots of fun.

Thanks to Renae Leeming (the head organizer), Ellen Miret (the poster designer), Jill Remaly, Jack Dunnigan, Paul Block, and Robin Brown for creating a great tent with hands-on activities highlighting the Nyack Community Garden. Paul Curley, Barbara Berasi-Rosen, Marie Dilluvio, Aaris Sherin, Donna Lightfoot Cooper, Laura Pakaln, Adrienne Alcaro, Jill, Robin, and Paul greeted our visitors. Special thanks to Jack for the donation of a Pickwick Book Shop gift certificate to Dennis Boyd, the winner of the Guess-the-Number-of-Vegetables Contest. Kudos to our gardeners who donated 82 vegetables for the Guess Contest, give-away samples, child-pleasing vegetable stickers, and their time and talents.



--Robin Brown

Sign of the Times in the Butterfly Garden

Our other food bank project



Monarch butterflies have been in serious decline over the years, due in large part to overdevelopment and disappearing milkweed. For the past few years, garden members have been trying to help the monarchs, planting milkweed and various nectar plants (perennials, such as Shasta Daisies and Echinacea) in a small area just outside the main garden on the corner of Hudson and Franklin Avenues.

The mini-garden is designed to attract monarch butterflies, and it appears to be working. A new sign designates the spot as an official Monarch Waystation, inviting travelling monarch butterflies to stop and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner, on us! It provides the nutrients the monarchs need to lay their eggs or for the long migration south.



Sightings have been reported on one variety of milkweed and monarchs have been visiting in the main garden, too, which makes it an unofficial, unsigned waystation. Monarchs are the only butterfly that migrates and many of them passing through Rockland County make it all the way to Mexico! If you would like to learn more about waystations and how you can help the monarchs in your home garden and here in your Nyack Community Garden plot, please visit monarchwatch.org.



--Laura Pakaln

Congratulations to our Nyack Community Garden 2017 Contest Winners

Best Overall Garden:

Plot 36 Jayne Stuecklen

Best Maintained Garden:

1st – Plot 3 Barbara Berasi-Rosen

2nd Plot 48A Ellen Miret

3rd – Plot 30 Dorothy Durkin

Best Vegetable/or Flower Garden:

1st – Plot 32 Lauren Pakaln

2nd – Plot 42 Lynda Grant

3rd - Plot 14 Pauline Heckstall





Most Creative Garden:

1st – Plot 24 Mari Natal

2nd – Plot 37 Jill Remaly

3rd – Plot 21 Umberto Fava & Erica de Waal



Best Cluster

#4, Plots 26-33B, Laura Pakaln, cluster leader, Kimberly Knight, Wilsie Reese, Garden Club of the Nyacks (Elizabeth Turk, Carol Marsh, Sharon Guadagno & Elizabeth Gaeta), Robert Mauriello, Paul Bloch, Dorothy Durkin, Elizabeth Cherry, Mark Schneider, and Kristin Flood



The judges had a very difficult time because every plot was great.

Marie Dilluvio, Chairman of the Garden Contest Committee

Thank you for your donations!



Thank you to everyone who donated produce for the Nyack Community Garden's "Plant a Row" project. Through your generous donations, we were able to give 225 pounds (and counting!) of fresh, local, healthy produce to Rockland families in need, through People to People in Nanuet.

If you would like to continue making donations after the growing season, People to People always accepts nonperishable items, Monday through Friday.