

THE CALL TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY'S 92ND ANNUAL MEETING

"From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow"

The 92nd Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday June 8, 2017, at The Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ. Doors open: 8:00 AM; Morning Session: 9:15 AM; Social Hour: 11:30 AM; Luncheon: 12:30 PM; Afternoon Session: 1:15 PM-3:30 PM.

Registration fee of \$50.00 per person includes luncheon with a vegetarian option, salad and dessert. Reserve early for the best seating – there is no open seating in the morning. **Please RSVP by Friday May 26.** A late fee of \$5.00 will apply to reservations received after that date. Registration forms are on the GCNJ website, www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com and in the News Leaf.

Our guest of honor is Nancy L. Hargroves, newly installed president of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Our special VIP is Mary Warshauer of the Garden Club of Fair Haven, who is the newly installed Second Vice President of the National Garden Club, Inc. Nancy will install the incoming GCNJ President, Louise Davis, and other officers of the GCNJ Board.

Eleven boutique vendors will offer varied and unique shopping: A Remembrance of You, Le Fashion Cottage, Chelsea Market, Plant Design Events, Hidden Spring Lavender Farms, Rutgers Gardens plus more favorites and new faces.

The theme of this 92nd Annual Meeting is "From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow." The featured speaker is Paul Cowie, certified arborist and a graduate of Rutgers University. His topic is "The Story of the 9/11 Memorial Trees". Involved with the project from its beginning, Paul will share his photographs, stories and emotional impact of the project.

A block of 8 rooms is set aside for the Wednesday night, June 7, at a reduced rate of \$205.00 plus tax. Reservations must be made directly with The Bridgewater Marriott, by calling 800-228-9290 or 908-927-9300. **The cutoff date to reserve a room is May 17, 2017.**

Send congratulations, announce an event or recognize an achievement by placing an ad in our program booklet. A full-page ad costs \$100, half page \$60 and a third of a page is \$40. Add your name to a sponsors' list for \$10. Fill out the separate Ad Request Form posted on the website and in News Leaf. **Deadline for ads is May 19, 2017.**

A raffle is planned to raise money for the GCNJ scholarships and educational programs. Buy a raffle card with 20 tickets for \$20. Only cash or check will be accepted. There will be 8 beautiful baskets, 4 planted containers and a hotel package totaling 13 exciting prizes.

"The most creative use of a bee pin will win a prize.
No swarms--just one bee!
Judges will be buzzing the event, so bee original!"

**IT'S A PARTY, A CELEBRATION, AN INSTALLATION, A TRIBUTE, A BOUTIQUE—
AND A LOT OF FUN!**

We look forward to your attendance!

Susan O'Donnell, President, Garden Club of New Jersey
Jolyne Dalzell, Annual Meeting Chairperson