

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Diana Fuchs

Summer is here and boy is it
hot!

Thank you to Pat and Charlie Thompson for hosting the Mid-Summer Night Garden Party. It was a lot of fun and their gardens were gorgeous. Most impressive though was the great job Charlie did on repainting the house. Looks great!!! Want to come over to my house next? *Hee!! Hee!!*

Carol and Erich Willen swept the best single stem flowers by taking first and second place. Jo Alio once again held a very successful Chinese auction with Ronnie Schiavo adding yet another teapot to her collection. Hopefully, she will be hosting an afternoon tea soon.

Pat Thompson did a great job pulling together our yearbook. They were distributed at the garden party. For those of you who did not receive one, we will make sure to bring copies to the September meeting.

We have decided not to host a Member Garden Tour this year. We only had a few volunteers and with it being summer time most people are off visiting family or enjoying the warm weather. Therefore, we will look into doing it again next year.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we will see you again in September.

Diana

News ... and Noteworthy

Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated their plants, gardening items and most importantly their time to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Especially, Peter Kahn for letting us host the sale at his house at the last minute. We had another successful year and a lot of laughs.

Scholarship Fund

I was very fortunate to present this year's Scholarship award to Kristi Conway. She truly is an amazing young woman and definitely did not go unrecognized by her teachers and the Shoreham-Wading River community

As many of you are aware, the award is given to a student who has excelled in environmental science, ecology, botany or horticulture and who plans to pursue his/her education or personal outreach efforts in one of these areas. Special consideration is given to students who not only have excelled in the classroom, but may have participated in research, community projects or internships of environmental significance.

Kristi is an avid student of fencing, has taken every rigorous course offered and has excelled in all of them. This year her program includes A.P. Environmental Science, A.P. Physics, and A.P. Calculus. Perhaps more impressive is the fact that she is always upbeat, positive, and cheerful. It is no surprise that she was named the valedictorian of her class.

Next year she will be studying Medical Sciences at Cornell University.

Fun Facts

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Here are 8 fascinating facts about your fresh herb garden!



1. Mint: growing mint is great for beginners because it is so easy to grow; but this also means that the herb will quickly overrun your garden. Here is the solution: plant mint in a plastic pot with the bottom of the container removed. In this case, you can control the roots to grow downwards instead of sideways.



2. Garlic: Garlic is among the most used plants in cuisines around the world and it is known for its medicinal power. Did you know that it can cure their neighbors in the garden as well? Rose, for example, is a great companion plant with garlic. Rose, with its fragrance and delicate flowers, attracts insects and pests. Garlic's pungent smell drives most of the bugs away. Nature works in wonderful ways doesn't it?



3. Basil: This fine herb has strong flavorful smell, and somebody really hates it. Who could it be? White flies and mosquitoes! White flies are annoying pests for many crops such as tomato and what a great idea to have basil as natural repellent in your fresh herb garden!



4. Parsley: Long before the invention of breath mint, people used parsley to remove bad breathe — in fact — a small plate of chopped parsley is traditionally served after meal in Italy. Traces of this tradition can still be seen as parsley is often used as garnishes nowadays.



5. Rosemary: Rosemary is well known for its grayish-green, needle like fragrant leaves. But did you know that this lovely herb has pretty blue flowers as well? The flowers are actually very useful for your herb gardening because it attracts bees, a bunch of great friends to help seed your herbs and other vegetation.



6. Oregano: Oregano is great addition to an Italian meal... but actually the herb itself can be a wonderful ornamental plant in your fresh herb garden! Oregano has little purple flowers that are very pretty and can really decorate your garden or your home.



7. Dill: Many of us like to start from seeds to fully experience the joy of herb gardening. You may have thought that all seeds are better grown in pots for transplanting later... but for some herbs, this doesn't apply. Dill is an example. This stubborn herb doesn't like to be transplanted. Period. What to do? Simply sow directly to your outdoor garden.



8. Thyme: Do you know how to pronounce this herb? That's right, "Time". Some believe that the herb's name originates from "Thumos", or "Courage" in Greek. In fact, civilizations from the Greeks, the Romans, The Scottish Highlanders to Medieval Knights have used this fine herb to represent courage.

Source: www.herbgardeningcenter.com

Shoreham Garden Club Events Schedule 2010

Sept 18 th	General Meeting / Speaker 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
October 16 th	General Meeting / Speaker 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
November 20 th	Member workshop (TBD)
December 5 th	Holiday Party 3:00pm Gloria Affatato

2010 Executive Board

President – Diana Fuchs
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 Historian- Mimi Oberdorf
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 Membership - Pat Thompson, Elaine Squires,
 Carol Ryan & Vicki McLane

2010 Board Meeting Schedule 25 Circle Drive, Shoreham

Sept 7th
Nov 2nd