

**Philipstown Garden Club Annual Meeting
Horticulture Committee Report
June 21, 2020**

During the past year the Horticulture Committee has focused on raising members' awareness of and access to native and pollinator plants, following the lead of Co-Chair Ann Patton who has long had one of the best gardens of native plants in Philipstown. In September we arranged for members to attend "Great Native Plants for Pollinators", a walk-through (and opportunity to acquire) plants at Rosedale Nursery's native plant collection with Kim Eierman. An October native plant dig the committee staged at Annie's garden gathered more than 150 plants and harvested seeds for the 2020 plant sale. Between November and March, the committee took a leadership role in getting Philipstown on the Pollinator Pathway, forming an ad hoc committee of club members to research the horticulture of gardening to benefit and support native fauna. The committee put together a coalition in which PGC partnered with 11 other area environmental conservation organizations, a national garden conservancy, and other community institutions such as a school, a farm and a library to host a very successful launch event at Desmond Fish Public Library to get Philipstown on the Pathway. Partnering with the Plant Sale Committee supported the acquisition of native and pollinator plants during their Members Plant Sale event in early May. The Committee also staged the annual Tool Care Workshop in January and packaged and labeled seeds for both the GCA annual horticulture meeting, the Shirley Meneice Conference, and our own plant sale. The Committee is currently working on propagating shrubs for the 2021 Zone III Plant Exchange 'Hedging / Edging the Marsh' hosted by the GC of Lawrence.