

Jefferson Market Garden News

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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

--Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC-46BC)



Just so, Mr. Cicero. Sharing a triangle of turf, Jefferson Market Library has been Jefferson Market Garden's treasured partner in serving the Village community for decades.

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG. To the season-capping **Harvest Festival for Children**, a day of Big Fun for everyone. **Citarella** provided a passel of kid-size pumpkins (Hundreds! Free!) for kids to decorate. The **N.Y. Public Library** underwrote "the talent" for story-telling. **The NYC Law Enforcement Explorers, Post 2206 at the 6th Precinct**, supervised Autumn crafts. Plus take-home goodies. The clock-work coordination of unflappable **Christine Gros** and **Mary Giannusa**, the pre-fest efforts of indefatigable **Laurie Moody** and **George Paulos** and the overall aid of the **JMG Volunteers** helped make this Fall Fest the best ever. Thanks to all who so generously contributed to a tip-top day for Village kids. Take a bow, all!

DAYS OF VINES AND ROSES. As we strolled past the Garden on a pleasant Fall evening, we were stopped in our tracks by a vision. As far as the eye could see, the Astor Fence was dramatically draped in large, pure white moonflowers, luminous against a dense background of green leaves. More than stunning!

Then it came to us that we had viewed the fence in bloom with a variety of vines and climbers throughout the season. Hm-m. We hastened to consult with the Garden's horticulturist, **Susan Sipos**. "I use vines here, primarily, for vertical visual interest," she said, pointing out that she had punctuated the object of our evening affection, *Ipomea alba*, which unfurls in the afternoon, with a smaller but voluminous Morning Glory. The rich azure flowers of *Ipomea tricolor* 'Heavenly Blue' with their white throats put us in mind of Iznik tiles. Sipos reminded us of 'Etoile Violette,' a clematis that kisses our rosy-fingered New Dawns as they climb the 6th Avenue fence each Spring. She also pointed to the later blooming *Clematis ternifolia*, Sweet Autumn, that had boisterously clambered up the trunk of a magnolia, cladding it in tiny, fragrant, star-shaped white flowers.

The Garden had turned into Vine Country, we thought, as Sipos ticked off the tropical *Mandevilla* (red, pink, and white) that graced shoulder-height trellises, and the popular sweet potato vine, *Ipomea batatas*, that she has planted to complement summer annuals for several seasons. But our attention was riveted elsewhere--on the sensuous, perfumed, velvety red rose that curled up and over the southern corner of the Greenwich Avenue fence. Oh, yes, we had been seduced by Don Juan.

MY LITTLE CHICKADEE. Sparrows and resident robins have been joined by a host of very fine-feathered friends passing through JMG this season. **Diane Darrow**, gardening volunteer and avid birder, has observed: a juvenile Hermit Thrush, American Redstarts, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Brown Creepers, Sapsuckers and Downy Wood-peckers.

What are these travelers feasting on here in Birdland? Lots of berries and seeds (Sipos leaves the seed heads on echinacea and rudbeckia). Nice fat worms from our "homegrown" compost. (All the annuals are composted each Fall.) And the robins gorge themselves on crabapples. Our favorite? A brazen blue jay, all alone, commanding but calm (!) that cased us closely, then cavalierly flicked his magically marked tail and turned his full attention to the head of a statuesque stalk of millet.

FORCE OF NATURE. Nothing hurts more than the loss of a tree, so we are doing everything we can to extend the life of the two grand American Yellowwoods we are so proud of. They have grown up and graced this garden for decades. Last year the arborist cabled the western tree around which the new back bed was planted. We are cautiously optimistic about it for now. The Yellowwood to the east closer to the rose beds is, alas, in more dire straits. Squirrels have nested in a hollowed out, barkless niche, and there is a hole clear through the trunk about seven feet up. The arborist tells us the rot is growing and there are no good choices. The tree has, perhaps, another two years. We will delay the inevitable as long as possible, but safety must be our chief concern. Knock on wood.

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL. The Garden's good friends at **ING Financial Services** who gathered here for a 10th time to plant hundreds and hundreds of bulbs that will flow like a floral river come Spring. How do we say thank you for 10 years of such grace and generosity?

--The artist **Marianne Yoors** and our own brilliant **Susan Quist** who conceived the perfect benefit for the Garden. **Adopt -A-Pot** featured exquisite work donated by Marianne and other generous **Greenwich House** potters. The pots were tucked among the plants and trees of the Garden, showing to maximum effect. It was an inspired collaboration that smartly enhanced the Garden's treasury. Thank you, Great Dames!

--We also thank all of our **Friends** who have reached out to support the Garden in this challenging time, as well as our **Volunteers**, without whom we could not operate. Blessings to each of you in this season of light and hope. Whether we decorate our homes with a Menorah, a Christmas tree or just a warm glow, we rejoice with our friends in the gifts we treasure most: joy, peace and love.



*The sunlight on the garden
Hardens and grows cold,
We cannot cage the minute
Within its nets of gold.*

--Louis MacNeice



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