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**OLD GLORY...Cranford Boy Scouts hold a traditional flag retirement ceremony earlier this month. The Scouts salute as the flag is given a farewell by fire, in what is regarded as a dignified way to retire a flag when it is in "such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display," according to the United States Flag Code.**



**SCARECROW STROLL..Registration is now open to Cranford residents, as well as Cranford schools, organizations and businesses to enter the Scarecrow Stroll competition. Cranford's 11th Annual Scarecrow Stroll will take place from Tuesday, October 16, through Wednesday, October 31. The Scarecrow Stroll is one of downtown's most anticipated events. Registration is free, and prizes will be awarded to the top scarecrows in each category. For more information, see [www.cranfordnj.org/downtown-cranford](http://www.cranfordnj.org/downtown-cranford).**

## Wednesday Morning Club To Commence Fall Season

CRANFORD — The Wednesday Morning Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Wednesday, October 3, at 10 a.m., at the Cranford Community Center. Co-Presidents Sue Driscoll and Marie Mastorakis will preside. Michael Maziekien, the new director of the Cranford Public Library, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Maziekien will discuss his "Vision for the Future of Libraries." Attendees will learn about how the library of the future will best serve its patrons. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. The public is invited.

The club's Public Affairs Department will meet at the home of Carolyn Moran on Tuesday, October 9, at 1 p.m. Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle will be the guest speaker, discussing her hopes and dreams for Westfield.

The American Arts and Crafts Department will meet at the "Fire Me Up Studio" on Tuesday, October 16, at 11 a.m. Participants will enjoy a creative activity. The studio is located at 117 North Union Avenue, Cranford. Parking is available across the street in the municipal lot.

On Wednesday, October 17, the club will hold its luncheon at Giovanna's Restaurant. Storyteller Judy England-McCarthy will provide entertainment, performing her original stories. She has been praised for her lively, expressive and dramatic style. The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. and the cost is \$22. Interested persons are asked to contact Jane Reilly to make a reservation. The restaurant is located at 1462 South Avenue, Plainfield.

The Literature Department will meet on Monday, October 22, at 1 p.m., at the home of Maureen Mairo. Janet Crowe will lead a discussion of "The Lost Quilter"

by Jennifer Chiaverini. Ms. Chiaverini has written a story about a slave using her fascinating craft to help her in the struggle to fulfill her dreams. The *Historical Novel Review* said of this book, "Readers will be swept into this heartrending, beautiful story...and will definitely remember the cost of precious freedom."

For more information about the Wednesday Morning Club, contact Co-Vice-Presidents Carolyn Moran at (908) 233-5635 or by e-mail at [caromm@comcast.net](mailto:caromm@comcast.net) or Sandi Jacobs at (908) 317-5256 or by e-mail at [sandij301@gmail.com](mailto:sandij301@gmail.com).

## Volunteers Sought For Garwood Cleanup

GARWOOD — The 14th Annual Clean Communities Litter Cleanup Day will be held in Garwood on Saturday, October 13, beginning at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine. Volunteer services, neighborhoods, social and school groups as well as individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter accumulating in various parts of the borough.

Supervision must be provided for all children's groups and all participants must provide their own transportation to the municipal building to get their supplies and site assignments.

To sign up, call Borough Hall at (908) 789-0710 or e-mail [Kathleen@garwood.org](mailto:Kathleen@garwood.org).

## Workshop to Be Held On Herbal Vinegar

CRANFORD — The Hanson Park Conservancy invites the community to its Herbal Vinegar Workshop on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center.

In this "make-it-and-take-it" program, Gloria Stevens from Springville Herbarium will guide participants in learning the process and a few possible pitfalls of making an herb vinegar in time for the holidays.

Fresh herbs, plain vinegars and bottles will be provided. Participants will have fun creating their own mix to keep or possibly gift someone. They also will be able to sample a few of Ms. Stevens' creations. Interested persons are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible on the conservancy's website, [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com), as registration is limited. The cost is \$10 for members of the Hanson Park Conservancy and \$15 for non-members. Payment is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. Anyone with questions or who would like to

pay by check is asked to e-mail [Jennadosch@aol.com](mailto:Jennadosch@aol.com).

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. To learn more about the Hanson Park Conservancy, visit [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com) or like the group on Facebook.

## GFD Auxiliary Posts Clothing Drive Date

GARWOOD — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department will hold a clothing drive on Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will be held rain or shine at the Garwood Fire House, located at 415 South Avenue.

In addition to men's, women's and children's clothing, the Auxiliary is collecting shoes, stuffed animals, handbags, linens and belts. Clothing will not be cut up. Money earned from the drive helps support the department and scholarships for local children. For additional information or to arrange for a pickup of items, call Barbara at (908) 868-4358.