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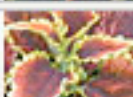
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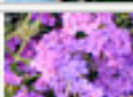
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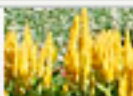
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## 2011 Garden Gala

**5th Annual Gala**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2011**  
**honoring Wolfgang Oehme, FASLA and Diane Guidone**



Wolfgang Oehme, FASLA



Diane J. Guidone, Rumson Garden Club,  
member club of the Garden Club of America

The 2011 Distinguished Achievement in Horticulture will be awarded to [Wolfgang Oehme](#), FASLA for his contributions to promoting public horticulture. Mr Oehme is a renowned landscape architect whose designs have transformed the American landscape scene. At this years Gala he, along with Carol Oppenheimer will present a talk entitled "Joyful, Daring Landscapes" which will include beautiful digital images of landscapes and gardens they have designed using extraordinary plants. The plants are their artistic medium, the landscape is their canvas.

The "Hamilton Award for Dedication and Outstanding Commitment to the Rutgers Gardens" (named for our friend and longtime colleague, "Doc" Hamilton) will be presented to [Diane J. Guidone](#). Ms. Guidone is responsible for sharing Rutgers Gardens with New Jersey member clubs of the Garden Club of America. She has also helped to develop horticultural classes and public outreach programs at the Gardens, which have become invaluable for raising awareness of the Gardens to various communities throughout New Jersey.

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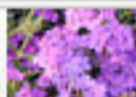
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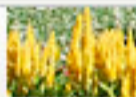
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## Diane J. Guidone



Diane Guidone has been designing garden spaces for over 10 years, both in Europe and the United States. Her philosophy is that garden design should unite the architectural features of a home or place of business and the surrounding landscape. The gardens become actual living spaces and are created only after careful assessment of the owner's lifestyle, needs and uses for the garden. Instances where she has been engaged to design garden spaces include: gardens for newly constructed and recently renovated residential space, municipal and commercial space.

Her design process begins with an exterior and interior assessment of the home or place of business' architecture and style. An evaluation of the immediate landscape is assessed. As the garden is developed, specimens are also selected whose shape, color, texture and growth rate provide continual pleasure and visual interest throughout the year.

Diane lives with her family in Rumson New Jersey and is an active member of the Rumson Garden Club. She has held various positions within the club such as horticulture chairperson, special projects chairperson and has been a delegate from the Club to the NJ Committee of the Garden Club of America. Currently, Diane is serving a two year term on the Horticulture Committee of the Garden Club of America representing the state of New Jersey.

Diane received her formal training in horticulture and garden design from The English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London, England. She has won several awards for her designs many of which have been featured in both digital and print media. Also an experienced businesswoman, Diane has an MBA from Rutgers University and offers marketing and strategic planning consulting services to the garden and landscape industry.