

KEYPORT GARDENWALK 2025 GARDENTALKS

Keyport Borough Hall • 70 West Front Street

Sunday, June 8th 9:30am - 10:30am

Refreshments available at 9 am

Annuals: Live Fast and Die Young Presented by Debbie LaGattuta

Summer is nature's way of saying "Let's party!" and the annual party planning starts in the spring and the riot of blooms can last until the first frost of fall. This presentation provides what you need to know about the basics of gardening with annual flowers, what to look for at the garden center, how to prepare beds, plant, and care for your annual plants. This presentation is packed with gorgeous photos and descriptions of dozens of tried and true and recent annual plant introductions that are hardy in Monmouth County.



After retiring from a long career in the computer software industry, Debbie LaGattuta studied fundamentals of horticulture at Brookdale Community College and became a certified Rutgers Master Gardener of Monmouth County in 2015. She is currently co-chairperson of the Speaker's Bureau committee and is responsible for new program development. She has authored several presentations on a variety of horticultural topics. Debbie has been a home gardener for over 30 years. Since purchasing her home in 1988, she filled her property with perennial borders, container gardens, and a small vegetable garden. As part of her community service, she leads a team of volunteers at the Church of St. Anselm in Tinton Falls to grow and donate fresh organic produce to local food pantries.