



# FIRST DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC. THE GARDEN LINE

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Linda Scarano, District Director

Robert Bauer, Editor



*Directors Message,*  
*by Linda Scarano*

I am happy to report that this District Director was sworn in at the annual meeting at Saratoga Springs in March. It was a lovely ceremony and a good time was had by all. I'm sure to become friends with the other 9 Directors I met. Collectively we are looking forward to the next two years. Each of us hopes to bring innovative ideas to the FGCNYS as well as each of our own Districts. Increasing membership is always on our minds. As individual clubs begin to lose members we must be ever vigilant at finding new ways to attract garden club members. NGC understands that without a strong membership the clubs begin to dissolve little by little. It is with great eagerness that this Director hopes to spark a fresh perspective on garden clubbing in our busy world. It is my intention to bring back fun and whimsy to our meetings. We can attract new members as well as trying to keep our own members happy and fulfilled.

Since my installation I have participated in many events. Our District luncheon honoring outgoing Director Bea Nicholson was a huge success. Past President Elaine DiPietro installed our officers and we had a wonderful day. Many District One clubs won awards and we all celebrated. I attended a fascinating butterfly lecture at an open meeting of The Staten Island Garden Club. They are also hosting a nautical tour around Staten Island which should be fabulous. The Great Kills Garden Club had a tree planting for Arbor Day honoring Lee Gugliada. We had a lovely day and took refreshments at a local eatery. The Great Kills girls continue to maintain the gardens at seaside Nature Park. South Shore Garden Club will be having a Tea Party for their open meeting. Yours truly will be the designer that day. Richmond Evergreen sponsored a bus trip to the NY Botanical gardens Orchid Show. They also had a tree dedication for their long time member Lila Barbes who passed away last year. On a lighter note they are sponsoring a trip to the beautiful gardens of Wave Hill in the Bronx; with dinner at a terrific Italian restaurant on Arthur Avenue. I am looking forward to that day. Annadale Garden Club is having an open meeting at the Dearborn farm in New Jersey. We will be treated to a lecture on Cooking with herbs. Castle Manor Garden Club has been busy as bees with a program by our local beekeeper. They are also presenting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Photo Contest. The Garden Therapy Club has been working with the disabled consumers at Community Resources. Imagine that, Staten Island has the first garden therapy club in the State! We are hoping this is a trend that will catch on to other Districts. There is no better feeling than working with the handicapped and introducing them to the world of gardening. All clubs participated in the Staten Island Botanical Gardens plant sale. It was our intention to have our presence felt to entice new members to join one of our 7 clubs. We will also be participating in the St Paul's Flower Festival in June. The clubs will decorate the church windows with fresh plant material. They will be honoring our past Director Bea Nicholson. First District's Flower Show entitled "Staten Island 350 years" will be presented on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 at the New Dorp Moravian Church. We may be a small District but we always have a busy roster of events each month.

In closing, it is with great sadness that I report the untimely death of one of our own. Angela Doglio passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup> at home after battling a long illness. She was a powerhouse in our District. As a Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Awards Coordinator, past District Director and President of the Great Kills Garden Club, Angela was the backbone of our organization. She was a talented designer who was always willing to help new members try their hand at designing. Angela wore many hats in the State as well as in our District. She will be sorely missed. I am sure that she is in a better place happily reunited with her beloved Fil. May they walk along, together in peace in the garden path in the sky.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

- ◆ **Linda Scarano**  
*Director*
- ◆ **Carolyn Pinto**  
*Assistant Director*
- ◆ **Lynne McNamara**  
*Recording Secretary*
- ◆ **Lucy Bauer**  
*Corresponding Secretary*
- ◆ **Virginia Bodrate**  
*Treasurer*
- ◆ **Gertrude Sokolowsky**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

*Club News*

## ANNADALE

The Annadale Garden Club held some interesting and informative meetings in the spring. In April, we heard a presentation about *Herbs of the Colonial Garden* by Skye Suter, the President of the Staten Island Herb Society. She explained interesting information about herbs and the plantings at the Conference House. May's meeting was devoted to *The Way It Was...Farming on Staten Island*. At that meeting Leslie Heffner, Annadale's president, discussed farming techniques and practices and included information about Staten Island's own Decker Farm, a part of Historic Richmond Town. In June, we're going to be going *Over the River and Through the Woods* to Dearborn Farm and Market for a workshop on *Cooking with Herbs* and a tour of the farm area. We're looking forward to the trip and invite others to join us. Several members of the club were present at the recent District Luncheon that honored outgoing District Director, Bea Nicholson, a longtime member of Annadale. We are also looking forward to the District's Flower Show on May 21, 2011.

Joel Heffner, Reporting

## CASTLE MANOR

The club was presented with a wonderful spring program by member Fran Cackowski featuring the Herb of the Year 'Horseradish'. Fran offered delightful tips on adding horseradish to your recipes and adding an herb garden to your landscape. Members of the Castle Manor Garden Club were happy to again participate at the Annual Staten Island Botanical Garden Plant Sale. Our club's Poster and flyers were on display and distributed. Our club shared in the tribute to Outgoing District Director Bea Nicholson at the District Luncheon where Club President Lucy Bauer was presented with the Lila Barbes Silver Bowl in Container Grown Plants. At the District Flower Show, titled 'Staten Island 350 Years', club member Robert Bauer, Chaired the Judges Clerks. Members entered their horticulture and entered design categories. Our Third Annual Photo contest is underway. Call Matt Cohen, Chairman for applications at 718-967-3842. Our June meeting is a breakfast seminar on 'Companion Plantings' at Dearborn Market in Holmdel, N.J., followed by our spring luncheon at the Staaten. District Chairman and member, Evelia Foster planted bulbs and placed a wreath at the Blue Star Marker. For National Garden Week, members will visit a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Special Education Class at PS 23 in Richmond Town. A program on the Rainforest including a video will be given. Window arrangements have been made for St. Paul's Flower Festival. In closing, we want to send a fond farewell to Angela who was always a phone call away and we will miss you.

Lucy Bauer, Reporting.



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*Club News*

## GARDEN THERAPY

This new club received its' charter at the NY State Meeting in March. We have made history in being the first Federalted Garden Club nationally formed specifically for the handicapped. The founders were Eileen Torricelli, Georgie Hicinbothem and Mary Piraino. We presented a display on Garden Therapy at the NY State convention. At the District luncheon we received the 2010-11 Membership Bowl as well as state awards for garden therapy. At our May meeting we held a fundraiser raffle for a TV, digital camera and a garden basket and Eileen Torricelli accepted an award at the Rotary Club meeting/luncheon at the Staten.

The club will be participating in the District Garden Show in June, the St. Pauls Flower Festival and the Castle Manor GC Photo Contest. We will also have a display this summer at the Staten Island Children's Museum. At our May Meeting Georgie Hicinbothem taught proper horticultural techniques for the upcoming flower show and the Richmondtown County Fair. Eileen Torricelli taught about seedlings. Members recently received acknowledgements for their projects from various organizations including Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the Board of Education, the Greenbelt Nature Center, Community Resources the College of Staten Island and Richmondtown .

We wish to thank our Board members Georgie Hicinbothem, Olga Federico, Jeanne Bennett, Paulette Russo, Denise Solomon, Mary Piraino, Eileen Torricelli and all the other district and state members who have supported us during our first year.

## GREAT KILLS

Spring began with a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Thanks to Virginia Bodrate's hard work it was a great success. February's meeting was our annual famous Joan Junqua auction. Great fun and a huge success. Lee Gugliada did a very interesting program in March on miniature designs. April's program was done by Beatrice Nicholson on exhibition tables, which members found to be very helpful in their future designs. May's program is a visit to the Alice Austen house with dinner following. We had a tree planting in April honoring Lee Gugliada who we all know as a valuable member of Great Kills G.C. and the District. Sadly to end the column with a sad farewell to our most loved and valuable member Angela Doglio "we will all miss you".

Have a wonderful Summer  
Lillian Ferrelli, Reporting

## RICHMOND EVERGREEN

Members Carolyn Pinto, Jo-Anne Schiffner and Carol Berardi attended the FGCNYS Annual Meeting at the Gideon-Putnam Resort in Saratoga. Members also attended the bus trip to the New York Botanical Gardens on April 5. On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> a tree dedication ceremony and luncheon was held at Wagner College for the late Lila Barbes, a long standing member of the Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club and in honor of her husband, John "Bunny" Barbes.

We started this year's civic beautification projects with plantings at three firehouses. Additional plantings will be done in the upcoming weeks at the Garibaldi-Meucci Mu-

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seum, South Beach Library and St. Francis Friary. Plans are underway for our upcoming Tea on September 24 at the Hilton Garden Inn. We hope to see you all there!

Our Club Members are looking forward to their trip to the Wave Hill Gardens in Riverdale followed by lunch and shopping on Arthur Avenue in June. Members will also be attending the Staten Island Garden Club Boat Trip around Staten Island. We would like to thank St. John's Professor Ed Fiorelli, former member of the American Rose Society and Founder of the Committee of the Tuscan Garden at Snug Harbor for the beautiful slide presentation on roses for our June meeting. We hope you all have a great summer.

Sia Sipp, reporting

### **SOUTH SHORE**

At our April meeting Ida Ferro of Castle Manor GC did a program on Pretty Tables and Arrangements. Flowers were raffled off. Members attended and supported the plant sale at the Botanical Gardens on April 30 where posters and literature were displayed. Members also attended the District I Luncheon and prepared a table to honor outgoing Director Bea Nicholson. Gertrude and Lynne prepared a family table with memory posters of her children and grandchildren, a beautiful table setting with Mikasa dishes and pink roses, photo albums and grandmother mugs, Roses were given to Bea.

Two new members were welcomed into South Shore Garden Club. Members attended the wake and service for our dear friend Angela Doglio, Our deepest sympathies to her family. She will be missed.

For our May meeting we hosted a tea party in the Tides at Charleston. Gertrude gave a program and lecture on Mother's Day arrangements. Member will be attending the District I flower show at New Dorp Moravian Church. Plans have been finalized for our open meeting, a tea party, on June 14 from 1 to 3pm at Messiah Lutheran Church where District Director Linda Scarano will do a program on making floral arrangements. Arrangements will be raffled off. Cost is \$15.00 and reservations are required.

Happy Summer to ALL!!

Gertrude Sokolowsky and Lynne McNamara, reporting.

### **STATEN ISLAND**

Spring has been slow in arriving this year, however an occasional high temperature day has brought vibrant colors to our gardens. Our Island once again looks alive!!

Our club was delighted to take an active role in the tribute honoring Bea Nicolson at the District luncheon. Concentrating on her Italian heritage was our task. Dolly Smith, Vice President of our club arranged 1st District Garden Clubs to take an active role at the Staten Island Botanical Gardens on Saturday April 30th. Marigold plants were passed out to visitors. On April 27th, we graciously welcomed guests to our meeting. The pro-

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gram being "Butterflies and Blooms" . Speaker Kathy Trimarco presented a lecture enhanced with photos and samples of native butterfly species and plants that attract them. Kathy Trimarco , the Environmental Educator and Art Instructor for the NYC Dept. of Parks at the SI Greenbelt Nature Center.

Spring clean up projects: members scheduled two days for clean up and planting annuals on the grounds of Alice Austen House. Alice Austen grave site at Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp was also cleaned and plants put in place. Our members will be setting up, clerking and hostessing at the 1st district flower show scheduled for the 21st of May. Past president Celide Hogan heads a committee to decorate St Paul's Church in preparation of the Flower Festival being held June 4th and 5th of this year. Tree planting dedication headed by our presi-

dent Alma DiSimone took place at our meeting place The Church of the Ascension in honor of National Arbor Day.

The Nautical Tour Around Staten Island arranged by our members Bonnie Rogers and Pat Harder taking place (rain or shine) on June 11th has been sold out. There is a waiting list.

Members will participate at the Staten Island Zoo on Conservation Day to promote garden clubs with publicity flyers and distribute marigolds. Welcome Carolyn Rhodes, our newest member. Meeting and luncheon at Nino's Restaurant on Hylan Boulevard, Grasmere, on May 25th for members and guests. Our program being Floral and Feminine Food Names given by Pat Podkowsky. Pat is past State President and current president of Chapter E P.E.O. Sisterhood sorority for women's education in Darien, Connecticut.

Vera Oliva, Reporting



District One Flower Show, "Staten Island - 350 Years." May 21, 2011 at New Dorp Moravian Church. Congratulations on a great show.

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### Photo Gallery



Garden Therapy GC receiving award from Chamber of Commerce



Garden Therapy Club Display at Staten Island Mall



Members of Annadale Garden Club



District One members at State Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY



Blue Star Memorial at Fort Wadsworth

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## OUR CLUBS

### **Annadale Garden Club**

Leslie Heffner, President

### **Castle Manor Garden Club**

Lucy Bauer, President

### **Garden Therapy Club**

Mary Piraino, President

### **Great Kills Garden Club**

Bess Cordella, President

### **Richmond-Evergreen Garden Club**

Maria Carrozza, President

### **South Shore Garden Club**

Gertrude Sokolowsky, President

### **Staten Island Garden Club**

Alma DiSimone, President

## Upcoming Events

June 4-5, 2011 - St. Paul's Flower Festival

June 5-12, 2011 - National Garden Week

June 11, 2011 - Staten Island GC Boat Tour

June 14, 2011 - South Shore GC Tea Party

June 15, 2011 - FGCNYS Spring Board Meeting, Guilderland, NY

June 16-17, 2011 - 10th World Flower Show, Boston, MA

June 21, 2011 - SI Orchid Society—Orchid Auction and Pot Luck Buffet

Sept. 9, 2011 - 9/11 Remembrance 10am Healing Garden, Reception at Marine Corp. League

Sept. 14, 2011 - Castle Manor Garden Club Open Meeting - Doo-Wop Steal Bingo Party

Sept. 24, 2011 - Richmond Evergreen GC Tea, Hilton

Oct. 1, 2011 - Great Kills GC Flower Show at Richmond Town



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**"STATEN ISLAND - 350 YEARS"**

District Flower Show - May 21, 2011  
Division II - **DESIGN AWARDS**

**SECTION A - "POINTS OF INTEREST"**

Eligible for **Designer's Choice Award & Concetta DeLillo Award.**

**CLASS 1 - "CAROUSEL FOR CHILDREN"**

Creative design staged **IN A HOOP** on Black Pedestal 18" in diameter 36" high.

- 1st. Peggy Cullimore-Klein (GKGC)
- 2nd. Carolyn Pinto (REGGC)
- 3rd. Marge Holton (REGGC)
- HM. Denise Solomon (AGC)

**CLASS 2 - "SANDY GROUND"**

Sculptural Design on White Pedestal 18" square 36" high.

- 1st. Lucy Bauer (CMGC)
- 2nd. Bea Nicholson (AGC)
- 3rd. Ida Ferro (CMGC)
- HM. Linda Conlon (REGGC)

**CLASS 3 - "SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER"**

A creative design staged against a Backboard 30" high x 24" wide x 24" deep.

- 1st. Lee Gugliada (GKGC) **Designer's Choice Award & Concetta DeLillo Award**
- 2nd. Lucy Bauer (CMGC)
- 3rd. Linda Mompalao (REGGC)
- HM. Lillian Ferrelli (GKGC)

**SECTION B - "FOOD FOR THOUGHT"**

Exhibitor has choice of fresh, dried, or dried treated plant materials.

**CLASS 4 - "PICNIC AT CLEAR COMFORT"**

Breakfast for one to be staged in a Basket 18" long x 12" wide x 8" deep.

- 1st. Jo-Anne Schiffner (REGGC)
- 2nd. Lucy Bauer (CMGC)
- 3rd. Carol Jo Nelson (REGGC)
- HM. Evelyn Reha (CMGC)

**CLASS 5 - "LUNCH AT THE PARSONAGE"**

Functional Table for Two Staged on a Bridge Table.

- 1st. Betty LaFemina (GKGC)
- 2nd. Marie Cagiao-Vignapiano (REGGC)
- 3rd. Evelyn Reha (CMGC)
- HM. Nina Marra/Irene Marraccini (REGGC)

**CLASS 6 - "WEDDING AT THE SEQUINE MAN-**

**SION"** Buffet Table for Six Staged on a Rectangular Table 30@ x 72.@

- 1st. Bernadette Sullivan (REGGC) **Table Artistry; Sue Fink Award & Design Excellence**
- 2nd. Ida Ferro (CMGC)
- 3rd. MaryLou Terranova (REGGC)
- HM. Connie Galifi (REGGC)

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS

SECTION A - "CELEBRATE STATEN ISLAND"  
**EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit 1 - "Fresh Kills Park"**

Linda Scarano - **Educational Award**

**Exhibit 2 - "William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge"**

Eileen Torricelli

SECTION B - "Historic Richmond Town"

**SPONSORED GROUP**

**Exhibit 3 - "Staten Island Historical Society"**

Felicity Beal **Appreciation Award**

SECTION C - "FIRST DISTRICT FEDERATED GARDENS CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE"

**MEMBERSHIP EXHIBIT**

**Exhibit 4 - "Come Grow With Us"**

Joan Junqua **Appreciation Award**

SECTION D - "STATEN ISLAND - HIGH SOCIETY"

**ARTISTIC CRAFT AWARD**

**Exhibit 5 - "The Vanderbilts"**

- 1st. Joan Junqua (GKGC)
- 2nd. Marcia Kreiger (AGC)
- 3rd. Bess Cordella (GKGC)
- HM. Eileen Torricelli (Garden Therapy)

**Exhibit 6 - "The Kerischers"**

- 1st. Eileen Torricelli (Garden Therapy) **Artistic Craft Award**
- 2nd. Bess Cordella (GKGC)
- 3rd. Robert Bauer (CMGC)
- HM. Trisha Cali (AGC)

**Exhibit 7 - "The Van Pelts"**

- 1st. Christine Angel (AGC)
- 2nd. Lucy Bauer (CMGC)
- 3rd. Matt Cohen (CMGC)
- HM. Eileen Torricelli (Garden Therapy)