



FIRST DISTRICT  
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.

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*The Garden Line*

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Carol Berardi, District Director

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*Directors Message*  
*By Carol Berardi*

Dear Members,

Spring is finally here and everyone is tending to their gardens planting lovely flowers. The trees are blooming, especially the beautiful dogwoods. If you look around, you can see beauty everywhere. You may wish to visit an Arboretum, a public outdoor museum where specimen trees and shrubs are grown for exhibition and study.

Again, I will reiterate that we should all focus on increasing membership into the clubs.

Membership throughout the state has dropped down from 10,000 members to 7,800.

Therefore, I encourage you to invite your friends or family to join. We will need to be more visible to the public. Please place flyers of your clubs at your local library or bank. Please try to attend public functions at churches and specifically, let's attend Conservation Day at the Zoo on Saturday, June 18 from 12 noon to 3 pm. All clubs should participate. Bonnie Rogers is chairing this event again this year for District. Let Bonnie know if you want to help that day.

Members have an opportunity for learning design, horticulture, landscape design, as well as participate in Flower Shows. Garden club members enjoy lasting friendships. There are school programs that members can attend to be more informed about gardening. District Flower Show School, Course IV, will be held in Rochester, New York June 8 - 10. Go to [fgcnys.com](http://fgcnys.com) website for more information on classes.

Thank you to all who attended the District Luncheon on April 21st at the Staaten. Sheryl Wilkes gave a very informative program on design. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and we had to cut her program short. As a result, in future, we cannot grant the extra half hour for the boutique. You may visit the boutique 15 minutes before the luncheon begins at 12 noon.

I am looking forward to attending the Spring Board Meeting in Albany on June 21st and will keep you informed. All are invited to attend the Fall Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, New York on September 11-13. You will be receiving information shortly on the website. You may also wish to attend the NGC-CAR Fall Conference at the Gideon Putnam Resort in Saratoga on October 23-25.

Sincerely,

Carol Berardi  
District Director

**FGCNYS 66th Fall Conference**

Sept. 11– 13, 2016

Radisson Hotel Utica Center in Utica NY

Tri-fold and details to follow shortly

Lucille Bauer, Chairman

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## District Officers

**Carol Berardi,**  
Director

**Alma DiSimone,**  
Assistant Director

**Lucille Bauer**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Graceann Morawek**  
Recording Secretary

**Bonnie Rogers,**  
Treasurer

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Asst. Treasurer

## Club Presidents

**Castle Manor** - Lucille Bauer  
**Great Kills** - Marilyn Curcio  
**Richmond-Evergreen** - Linda Conlon

**South Shore** - Gertrude Sokolowsky  
**Staten Island** - Paulette Russo



### World Gardening—Water for South Sudan

Since 2005, 275 wells have been drilled in South Sudan. Your generous donations have brought fresh clean water to tens of thousands of people transforming life in their villages. Please continue to support the FGCNYS World Gardening Project “Water for South Sudan.” Donations can be sent to Bonnie Rogers, District One World Gardening Chairman payable to FGCNYS, memo line “World Gardening.”

## Upcoming Events

2016

June 6 - District One Board Meeting, Great Kills Moravian Church

June 18 - SI Zoo Conservation Day

June 21 - FGCNYS Meeting, Guilderland, NY

Sept. 7 - District One Board Meeting, Great Kills Moravian Church

Sept. 11-13 - FGCNYS Fall Conference, Radisson Hotel, Utica, NY

Oct. 6 - District One Fall Luncheon

Oct. 23-25 - NGC-CAR meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY

Oct. 26-27 - FGCNYS Symposium “Everything New” Saratoga Springs NY

## WEB LINKS

**National Garden Clubs:** <http://gardenclub.org> (Login with “member” as a user name and “world” as a password to access full site.)

**Federated Garden Clubs of New York State:** [www.fgcnys.com](http://www.fgcnys.com)

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## Club News

### Castle Manor

With the start of Spring, our Director Carol Berardi installed our Officers for the 2016-2017 term, and we welcome our new Vice President Evelyn Koehler and Treasurer Cynthia Turpin-Friday.

In April, our members attended the FGCNYS State Meeting in Hauppauge, LI. It was a great time and well represented by our District. On April 30, members also attended a special Photo Exhibit by our very own member Nancy Biggs and her brother Craig Stearns titled "Beneath it All..." held at Edgewater Hall. And, at our club meeting, member Liz Pergola led us in a delightful workshop "Making Roses from Ribbons" and creative designs were also on display by Ida Ferro and Lucy Bauer. Member Cynthia Turpin-Friday has started plant sharing for members, too. Our May Open Meeting **Flower Bingo** led by Elaine Callari was a big success. Special thanks to Peggy Wall and Elaine for the great bingo prizes and to the members for the wonderful raffle baskets. Thanks to all who attended and the committee for all the planning and ideas. In June, our members will be participating in the SI Zoo Conservation Celebration and traveling to Somerset, NJ to visit Colonial Park Gardens and lunch at DaNico's.

Have A great Summer! See you in September 11-13th at the Radisson Hotel Utica Centre, Utica, N.Y. for the Fall Conference (details to follow later in the month).

Lucy Bauer, reporting.

### Great Kills

Spring began with a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. It was a great success thanks to Virginia Bodrate's hard work in planning it. Some of our member represented our club at the FGCNYS annual meeting in Hauppauge, L.I. N.Y. For our March program members were given lettuce plants to bring home and eat. In April members designed miniatures under the direction of Beatrice and Delores and with the help of Betty, created the centerpieces for the

Spring luncheon. Arbor Day tree planting was dedicated to Lee. Her family, the Parks Department and members attended this event and later went out for brunch at the Annadale Diner. Members did Spring cleanup at Bloomingdale Park and Seaside Nature Park. We participated in the St. George festival and gave out plants to the public. Our May meeting was a program on Buds and Blooms. Our speaker was Patricia McKay who does all flower arrangements for Shop Rite.

Have a wonderful summer.

Lillian Ferrelli, reporting

### RICHMOND EVERGREEN

At our April meeting we were honored to have Betty LaFamina of Great Kills Garden Club demonstrate a "Stretch Design" for us. Thank you Betty!

In May we met at Fort Wadsworth. Kathy Garofalo, Recreation Specialist for Gateway National Parks guided us on a historical and very informative tour of Fort Tompkins. She explained how the natural formation of the coastline and landscape helps the environment in the surrounding area. We had a beautiful view of the city skyline and the Narrows. Afterwards we met at Basilios Inn for a light dinner where we held our meeting.

Plantings are being done at Silver Mount Cemetery, Garibaldi-Meucci Museum and Amundsen Circle. Rosina Kiley is graciously opening her home as a workspace to design floral wreaths for the Amethyst House graduation of women returning to society. Members are looking forward to upcoming District functions.

Our Annual Tea date has been set for September 17, 2016. Connie Galifi and Maryann Burchie will co-chair this event titled "An Evening in Paris."

Our June meeting will be held at Casa Belvedere Italian Cultural Foundation Center.

Wishing all District members a happy and safe summer!

Carol Boylan, reporting

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### SOUTH SHORE

Special thanks to everyone for making the recent District Luncheon such a memorable afternoon for me and my family. I was very touched by this honor and would like to especially thank Carol Berardi, Carolyn Pinto and Lucille Bauer for their support and kindness to me. Thank you also to Msgr. Peter Finn, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church and Vicar of Staten Island and Father Gil, Homebound Eucharistic Minister Moderator, St. Joseph-St. Thomas Church,. Their presence at the luncheon meant a great deal to me. Thank you to First District for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, to my club, the South Shore Garden Club for the lovely orchid corsage, heart bracelet and lavender tree and lastly for the loving support of my family, my husband, Charles, my daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and John, and my wonderful grandson, Ryan.

Garden club members continue to maintain the Blessed Mother Grotto at St. Joseph's Church in Rossville. On Mother's Day, members placed fresh flowers and plants at the Grotto. Plans are underway to plant a tree in memory of our longtime and founding member, Edna Anderson at the Conference House Park in Tottenville. More details to follow. Our club welcomes seven new members. We wish them luck and years of happiness in Garden Club. Our club is sponsoring a trip to Dearborn Farm and Market on Monday, June 27, 2016 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 2170 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ. A floral design program will take place along with a lovely lunch.. Cost: \$25.00. For reservations, please call Josephine McAndrews, Chairperson at (718) 356-5807.

Gertrude Sokolowsky reporting

### STATEN ISLAND

Spring has finally arrived and once again our Island landscape looks great!! Barnett Shepard was our speaker for the March meeting. Barnett Shepard; Retired Executive of the Staten Island Historical Society, Founder of Preservation League of the Staten Island Historian, Author and

Lecturer. His presentation including slides of formal and informal gardens around the country. Barnett Shepard a most informative, articulate speaker. Greg Lord was the April meeting speaker. He is Director of Horticulture of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanic Garden, member of the North American Lily Society, North American Rock Garden Society and the International Bulb Society. He presented a slide review of popular summer annuals suitable for Staten Island. He encouraged questions from the group audience and shared his knowledge.

The rainy weather interfered with clean up scheduling. Chair Dawn Schioppo and her committee were rained out on their scheduled day. However Past President Celide Hogan and her husband John managed in between the raindrops to clean up Anthony R. Gaeta Park on Wyona Avenue and Victory Boulevard. Past President Alma DiSimone organizes a rotating schedule for her committee of the The Healing Garden at Clove Road and Targee Street Square, being worked on as I am preparing this newsletter. Anita Wadas is chair in organizing clean up at Firemen's Memorial at Church of the the Assumption-Chapel of St. Paul at Clinton Avenue. on May 17th. Past President Bonnie Rodgers, District & Club Coordinator forms a committee to host an information table to promote garden clubs. Publicity flyers and spring seedling are distributed to spark interest and encourage members. This takes place at the Conservation Celebration at the Staten Island Zoo on June 18, 2016.

Members and guests attended our spring luncheon held at "Casa Belvedere" (meaning house with a beautiful view) on Howard Avenue. Members This magnificent landmark sits on nearly three acres atop Grimes Hill. Overlooking spectacular views of the Verrazano Bridge and the New York City Harbor. This magnificent landmark building was built in 1908 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. President Paulette chaired this event. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and desert.

June meeting brings us to Alice Austen House on Hylan Boulevard for a picnic lunch after the meeting. The program consists a plant swap and some members will tour the grounds. The views are great and the weather usually co-operates. Have a great summer!!

Vera Oliva reporting

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**District One Gardens and Projects**

**Our clubs maintain many gardens and carry out other projects around Staten Island that help beautify our neighborhoods. Below is a list of current projects being carried out by our clubs.**

**District Projects:**

Healing Garden, Clove Road & Targee Street  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Flower Festival, St. Paul's Avenue  
Blue Star Memorial at Ft. Wadsworth  
First District Annual Flower Show

**Castle Manor GC**

Maintain 9/11 Manresa Council Garden  
Plant and maintain 9/11 Garden at All Saints Episcopal Church  
P.S. 37—Annual plantings at school  
Arbor Day Tree Planting at P. S. 37  
Maintain Blessed Mother Statute at Cedar Grove Beach

**Great Kills GC**

Bloomingdale Park Garden - corner of Ramona Ave and Lenevar Ave.  
Restoration of Seaside Nature Park Garden at foot of Nelson Ave. A  
Annuals & small memorial garden at Seton Foundation for Learning - 850 Hylan Blvd.

**Richmond Ever-Green GC**

Plant & maintain Amundsen Circle Park, Clarke Avenue & Amboy Road  
Silver Mount Cemetery, Victory Blvd. opposite Silver Lake Park  
Plantings at Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, 420 Tompkins Avenue  
Holiday Decorating at Garibaldi-Meucci Museum  
Provide Floral Arrangements for home for Amethyst House members  
A cornucopia of plantings in front of various fire houses  
West Brighton Housing and PS 18 Memorial Garden

**South Shore GC**

Down Syndrome Herb, Vegetable & Flower Garden - 74 Pleasant Plains Avenue  
Damiania's Secret Garden - 74 Pleasant Plains Avenue  
Window boxes at Messiah Lutheran Church, Paul Kroon Center-199 Jefferson Blvd  
Tommy Monahan Tree & Garden, located at the Conference House  
St. Joseph's Church at Blessed Mother's Statue, Poplar Avenue

**Staten Island GC**

Alice Austen Grave - Moravian Cemetery  
Alice Austen House Museum Grounds - 2 Hylan Blvd  
Holiday Decorations at Alice Austen House Museum  
Church of the Ascension Sept. 11 Memorial & grounds, 1 Kingsley Avenue  
Firemen's Memorial at Church of the Assumption  
Arbor Day Tree Planting at Alice Austen House Museum  
NYC Greenstreets Projects on Slosson Ave & Todt Hill Road  
Immanuel Union Church Grounds, 693 Jewett Ave



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## Photo Gallery



District One honored Gertrude Sokolowsky at the April luncheon.  
Left, Gertrude and Carolyn Pinto; right, Gertrude and District Director Carol Berardi.



Memorial Day Blue Star Memorial wreath placed at Fort Wadsworth. Linda Conlon and Evelia Foster joined members of the Coast Guard for this event.



Members of CMGC attend photo exhibition at Edgewater Hall on Bay Street. On exhibit were photos taken by Nancy Biggs' brother Craig Stearns with poems written by Nancy. Pictured are Robert and Lucy Bauer, Barbara Cucci, CaraJean Zukowski, Ann Nora Conte and Nancy Biggs.



Castle Manor GC Members enjoying High Tea at the Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg, Pa. with the SI Herb Society.



Robert Bauer, Cynthis Turbin-Friday and Evelyn Koehler of CMGC at FGCNYS Annual Meeting in Hauppauge, NY.

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THE HEALING GARDEN  
ROSE REGISTRY



*A ROSE BUSH HAS BEEN PLANTED IN RECOGNITION OF.....*

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GERALD AND MADELINE TENEBRUSO  
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MARY PIRAINO  
BEA NICHOLSON  
BARBARA HOSIE  
(In Appreciation)  
KATHY & JACK HOLER  
(In Appreciation)  
VIOLET HANSEN  
DAMIAN RUSSO  
BARBARA KNABE  
INGRID HOLSTEIN

THE 26 VICTIMS  
ADULTS & CHILDREN OF  
THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT  
RUDOLPH MORAWEK  
DOROTHY ETERGINOSO  
LOUISE KNEILING  
JEAN BECK  
ANTOINETTE JACKSON  
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ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER A  
ROSE BUSH IN RECOGNITION OF SOMEONE SPECIAL IN  
“THE HEALING GARDEN LIVING MEMORIAL”  
MAY CALL  
CAROLYN PINTO, CHAIRMAN  
AT (718) 987-5759

### **Book of Recognition**

If you would like to honor a member by recognizing their ability and dedication to your club, you may do so by adding his/her name to the FGCNYS, Inc. BOOK OF RECOGNITION. This can be done individually or by your club. You can download a form from the FGCNYS.com website in Applications and give it to Linda Conlon, the Book of Recognition Chair for District with a check, payable to FGCNYS, Inc. for \$10. She in turn will forward to the State. Funds collected are used to promote communication between our membership. The website is a great source of information if you wish to learn more about the State and its activities. You may also wish to review the National Garden Club website at [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org).