



FIRST DISTRICT
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.

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The Garden Line

VOLUME 16 ISSUE 3

Virginia Bodrate, District Director



Directors Message
By Virginia Bodrate

Robert Bauer, Editor
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We look forward to the cool and crisp days of Autumn as we say good-bye to the Summer of 2014-a summer which was hectic but challenging.

Capping off some eventful moments was District One's Flower Show chaired by Denise Dunphy and Carol Berardi. My thanks to them and to so many others who donated time and talent to this resounding success. Equally enjoyable was the Great Kills Garden Clubs Boscobel Manor and Garden excursion in June. This club takes no "summer vacation", encouraging its members to develop their creative talents. At its July meeting Bea Nicholson explained the intricacies of Exhibition Table design. Its' annual flower show "Flora And Fashion" will be held at the Moravian Parish Hall on September 13th and I am certain the creative juices have already started to flow. In October, celebrating its 60th anniversary the club will host a dinner at a popular Eltingville venue.

In June I attended the South Shore Garden Clubs Tea where Marilyn Curcio demonstrated container planting techniques using both herbs and annuals.

Our various clubs continue with ongoing projects. Garden Therapy club has members at both Community Resources and Clove Lakes Nursing Home. Its activities are not only community oriented but designed to inspire confidence and independence in its members.

The Staten Island Garden Club plant swap at the Alice Austen House was a summer highlight and its members are looking forward to September when Betty La Femina will illustrate an Underwater Design.

The Richmond Evergreen Garden Club continues with the maintenance of the gardens at Amundsen Circle Park in Oakwood and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Forthcoming events include Tea Parties sponsored by both the Garden Therapy and Richmond Evergreen Clubs. The last of course is a stellar event and will be held on November 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Castle Manor is planning an open meeting and card party on October 8th. Their September meeting will be a lunch and tour at Historic Richmondtown focusing on the historic events of 1939, the year the club was founded and Federated.

District One is planning an exciting day on Saturday, September 27th with a bus trip to Winterthur in Wilmington, Delaware featuring costumes of Downton Abbey.

Our Semi-Annual luncheon is scheduled for October 23rd at the Staaten. We anticipate the usual enthusiastic turn out, but remind all garden club members of the importance to solicit new members and to become involved in not only garden club but community activities as well.

In September as your Director I will attend the Fall Conference of the FGCNYS, INC. in Geneva, New York at the Ramada Inn. All those attending from this District are looking forward to a lively exchange of ideas from other State Districts and we will keep you posted of events.

Once again I thank you for your continued service and support.

Virginia Bodrate
Director

Calling All Poets

The 2015 FGCNYS Poetry Contest "**Natures' Wonders**" was designed to encourage students to express their thoughts through different types of poetry. Winning entries will be published in a printed booklet for all to see.

Eligibility: Open to all youth pre-school through high school. Judging will be by age/grade categories.

Contest Rules:

- ◇ All entries must be typed and titled and include name, address, age, grade and school.
- ◇ Sponsoring garden club must be identified
- ◇ All entries become the property of FGCNYS, Inc.
- ◇ Poems do not have to rhyme.
- ◇ Poems may be traditional verse, acrostic, blank verse, cinquain, diamond poems, Limerick or Haiku.

Scale of Points: Title 10%, Creativity 30%, Content 40% Style 20%.

All entries must be sent to Lucy Bauer, Chairman, by Friday, Jan. 30, 2015. Any questions call 917-620-1885.

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World Gardening—Water for South Sudan

Since 2005, 220 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

2014

Sept. 9-11—FGCNYS State Conference, Geneva NY

Sept. 13 - Great Kills GC Flower Show

Sept. 18 - Garden Therapy Herbal Tea Party

Sept. 27 - First District Bus Trip to Winterthur

Oct. 4-5 - St. Paul's Flower Festival

Oct. 8 - Castle Manor GC Card Party

Oct. 23 - District 1 Semi-Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Staaten

Nov. 8 - Richmond Evergreen GC Tea, Hilton

Nov. 12 - FGCNYS State Meeting, Guilderland, 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.fgcny.com

District One, FGCNYS: sigardenclubs.org.

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Club News

Castle Manor

In **June**, our District was rocking with a beautiful District Flower Show "Rock Around the Clock" and Castle Manor Garden Club members were thrilled to take home blue ribbons both in horticulture and design. Members Ida Ferro won the Table Artistry and Sue Fink Awards and Lucille Bauer won Horticultural Excellence, Arboreal and the Jeanette DeLillo Awards. Member Elaine Callari and her committee offered a beautiful luncheon for the judges, as well. Our **Spring Luncheon** was held at Coles Dockside in the Great Kills Marina. Club Presidential Awards were given to Ann Nora Conte and Anita Delfino. The 75th Anniversary Quilt was won by Lauren E. Ball. A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to win it. Lauren was thrilled to win it! The All Saints 9/11 Garden is being maintained by members as well as the Blue Star Memorial Garden in Ft. Wadsworth. New York State is running a Poetry Contest "Natures' Wonders". Please see flyer enclosed with details. Any questions, please call District Youth Chairman Lucille Bauer 718-967-3842.

Our **6th Annual Photo Contest** is underway. If you are interested in entering, please call Chairman Stephanie Woodley 718-273-0543.

On October 8, 2014, our Card Party will begin at 12:30 pm with a catered luncheon. Tea tax \$15.00.

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and games, raffles, 50/50 and more.

Our **75th Anniversary Party** will be on **Monday, December 15, 2014** at the Staaten at 7 pm. For reservations, please call Lucille Bauer at 718-967-3842 for an evening of dinner and dancing.

In closing, we were very sorry to hear of the passing of Fr. John Walsted. Our members had a wonderful lunch and tour of his home and studio and he made it such a pleasure for all of us that day. He was truly a Staten Island treasure.

Lucille Bauer, reporting.

GARDEN THERAPY

It has been a very busy summer. Georgie Hicinbotham and members entered an educational display on "Butterflies" at the District Flower Show in June receiving a 2nd place. Eileen also taught a hands-on activity class to our members on butterflies and an-

other on Making Cuttings from Houseplants. Beverly Dyrack taught members how to properly prepare horticulture for flower shows. On August 20th members worked with the City University's Foreign Exchange Program (12 students from Japan) on a project using roses and did a Garden Therapy project with residents at Clove Lake Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. We recently partnered with Microsoft Corporation to educate members on how to use computers in their garden therapy activities (newsletters, websites, etc.). Members continue to grow vegetables for local food pantries. On July 3rd we had a Celebrate America function at local food pantries and gave rose bushes and American flags to participants. We recently dedicated a tree/garden entitled "Hometown Heroes" to all those who volunteered in Super Storm Sandy activities in Clifton and we will be commemorating the 12th anniversary of 9/11 by placing wreaths and flowers at Community Resources, at CPC site and at the Rescue 5 station house.

The club continues to work on their projects "Renew, Restore, Rebuild S.I." and "Get Ready S.I." We had education exhibits at Back to the Beach and at health fairs held by Councilwoman Malliotakis and Senator Lanza. We are planning a Herbal Tea Party on Sept. 18th at Community Resources starting at 12:30pm. This is open to the public. Please RSVP by Sept. 10th by contacting Eileen at 718-270-1294. We also placed a garden statute of a butterfly "in memory of Mora," a former members in Karen's Garden at Community Resources.

Our jewelry raffle is currently in progress. We will be raffling off a gold bracelet and a gold pendant provided by Goff Jewelers. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will also be holding a Pumpkin Decorating contest open to all. Contact Eileen for details. We welcome members of any other clubs to visit us anytime. For information on activities please contact Eileen Torricelli by phone at 718-370-1294. No emails, please.

Eileen Torricelli, reporting

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Great Kills

Our June meeting was a lecture on the Galapagos Island which are famous for their giant tortoises. Located in the Pacific Ocean, they belong to Ecuador. The speaker was Clay Wollney who teaches at Staten Island Academy. He also writes a column for the Staten Island Advance and leads tours of the Greenbelt. The July meeting was a demonstration of how to design an Exhibition Table in a frame given by Bea Nicholson. She is now a member of the Great Kills Garden Club. We continue with current projects with the help of Bess Cordella which are Bloomingdale Park and Seaside Park maintenance. At the August meeting Great Kills member Peggy Cullimore-Klein will demonstrate how to create a petite design. We had a wonderful trip to Boscobel Mansion and Gardens. Looking forward to our annual flower show on September 13, 2014, "Flora and Fashion."

Lilian Ferrelli, reporting

RICHMOND EVERGREEN

In June members enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Marina Grand. In July we heard Secretary of Mount Manresa Committee, Barbara Sanchez, speak about the preservation of lands and parks. JoAnne Schiffner and Carol Berardi attended the State meeting at the Desmond Hotel this past May and will attend the Fall Conference in Geneva in September. Carol Berardi and Denise Dunphy chaired the District Flower Show, "Rock Around the Clock." Suzanne Quinn received a first in the Underwater design category. Carolyn Pinto received a first in the Petite category and won the overall Petite Award. Nancy Correra placed first in the Alfresco category.

Plantings were done at Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, Engine 163, Engine 165 and Silver Mount Cemetery. Members made 14 wreaths for Amethyst House. All are looking forward to the District fund-raising bus trip to Winterthur on September 27th. Our fund-raising Tea will be November 8th at the Hilton. This year's theme is "Under the Big Top."

Carol Boylan, reporting

SOUTH SHORE

Members attended the beautiful 100th anniversary luncheon for the Staten Island Garden Club on May 4th at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn. A good time was had by all. Congratulations and best wishes to Alma DiSimone and the members of the Staten Island Garden Club. Members participated in the First District Flower Show on June 7 at the New Dorp Moravian Church. Our club had our Annual Tea Party on Tuesday, June 10. Our guest speaker was Marilyn Curcio, past president of the Staten Island Herb Society. She spoke on "Herbs and Container Gardening". The Tea Party was both a social and financial success. Thank you to all those that attended and supported this fundraiser.

Get well wishes to our longtime member, Edna Anderson, who is recovering from surgery at Eger Health Care and Rehab Center. Edna is on the mend and hopes to be at a South Shore Garden Club meeting soon. In honor of National Garden Week, club members filled window boxes with beautiful flowers and herbs at our meeting hall at the Paul Kroon Center at the Messiah Lutheran Church. A summer board meeting was held in mid-August to plan activities and programs for the coming year. Members attended the Celebration of Damian Russo's life, the 1st anniversary of his death on May 25. Damian was very involved in the club's garden therapy project with the Down Syndrome Group's Butterfly and Vegetable Garden. The South Shore Garden Club planted a garden at Teri's House in Pleasant Plains. Members will meet at the Conference House Park on August 29 at 10 am to memorialize Tommy Monahan on what would have been his 16th birthday. We will plant flowers at the tree that we planted in his memory. Tommy Monahan was our "Youngest Hero" who died at the age of nine trying to save his dog, Sophie in a house fire. Enjoy the upcoming Fall Season.....

Gertrude Sokolowsky and Lynne McNamara reporting

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STATEN ISLAND

Another lovely day was enjoyed in June at our luncheon-meeting held at Alice Austen House. Members enjoyed trading favorite plants, perennials and cuttings. Cultivation tips and ideas were also exchanged. Director of the Alice Austen House, Janice Morgor gave a speech thanking our members for the dedication in caring for the gardens at the Museum. Program for September meeting is "Come on in, the Water's Fine". A demonstration showing common techniques for creating underwater designs for flower show competitions and home floral displays. Our speaker; Betty LaFemina, Assistant District Director, past President of Great Kills Garden Club and award winning flower

show designer.

Our committees were busy all summer maintaining gardens across Staten Island. Work to be done at former Borough President Anthony R. Gaeta Park. A memorial in need of T.L.C. which our club has recently added to our ongoing "to do" list.

Mark December 3rd, 2014 on your calendar for our Christmas meeting-luncheon at the Italianissimo Restaurant located on McClean Avenue. Our program will be "Gifts from the Winter Garden". design arranger being member Annie Lee Wightman. Vice President Patricia Harden is chair of this most enjoyable event.

Our club was deeply saddened by the loss of member Dorothy Schioppo. Our sincere sympathy also extends to member Dawn Schioppo (Dorothy sister in law).

Vera Oliva reporting.....

**St. Paul's Memorial Church
15th Annual Flower Festival
"Admire the Awesome Aura of Autumn"**

225 St. Paul's Avenue, S.I. NY 10304

Sat. Oct. 4 and Sun Oct. 5

Floral Designs and Foliage Displays by Local Florists,
Nurseries, The Botanical Garden and
Federated Garden Clubs of Staten Island.

Sat.: "Take a Look" and Light Refreshments \$5.00

Sun.: Concert at 3pm followed by Tea \$25.

Raffles \$5.00 or 5 for \$20

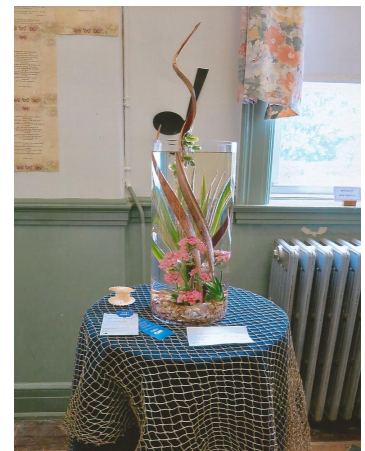
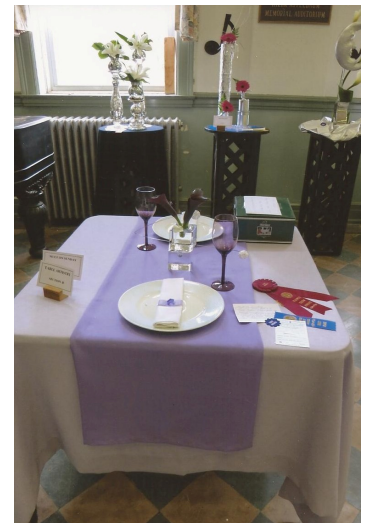
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Congratulations District One on Another Great Flower Show
“Rock Around the Clock”
Denise Dunphy and Carol Berardi, Co-Chairs



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