



FIRST DISTRICT  
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.

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*The Garden Line*

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**Carol Berardi, District Director**

**Robert Bauer, Editor**  
**Lucille Bauer, Production Asst.**



*Directors Message*  
*By Carol Berardi*

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Virginia Bodrate for a job well done these past two years, as Director for the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., First District. It is an honor for me to serve as your director representing all of you at the State once again. Your support will be needed to progress.

This term we should all focus on increasing membership into the clubs. Membership throughout the state has dropped down from 10,000 members to 8,000. Therefore, I encourage you to invite your friends or family to join. We will need to be more visible to the public. It is important for us to attend public functions, such as Conservation Day at the Zoo and the Richmond County Fair.

Keep in mind that members learn design, horticulture, landscape design, as well as participate in Flower Shows. There are school programs that members can attend to be more informed about gardening. Mostly they get to be a part of a great organization. Garden club goes beyond Staten Island, we are part of the Federation of New York State, Central Atlantic Region and the National Garden Clubs. We also enjoy lasting and worthwhile friendships. Many of you know that we have met many knowledgeable state members and have now maintained lasting friendships.

In the Staten Island Advance's April 26, 2015 "The Guide" directed towards newcomers to the island, you will see that FGCNYS, Inc., First District has been mentioned and is on page 61. We will continue to try to get the word out about our clubs. We are currently trying to get the paper to continue our "Get Growing" column, but unfortunately, unable to receive compensation that we have had in the past. We will, however, continue to publicize our events and become more visible to the public.

May your days be filled with sunshine and flowers.

Sincerely,

Carol Berardi

## **Upcoming Flower Show**

Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club will hold a Flower Show on Saturday, September 19th from 1 pm to 5 pm, at New Dorp Moravian Church. Please look for the trifold on the [sigardenclubs.org](http://sigardenclubs.org) website and call Jo-Anne Schiffrer, Design Chair, at 718-494-2395 with your selection.

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## District Officers

**Carol Berardi**  
Director

**Alma DiSimone,**  
Assistant Director

**Lucille Bauer**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Grace Ann Morawek**  
Recording Secretary

**Bonnie Rogers,**  
Treasurer

**Evelia Foster,**  
Asst. Treasurer

## Club Presidents

**Castle Manor** - Lucille Bauer  
**Garden Therapy** - Eileen Torricelli  
**Great Kills** - Marilyn Curcio

**Richmond-Evergreen** - Marge Holten  
**South Shore** - Gertrude Sokolowsky  
**Staten Island** - Paulette Russo



### World Gardening—Water for South Sudan

Since 2005, 257 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

### 2015

June 6 - District Flower Show, “Baker Street Mysteries” at New Dorp Moravian Church

June 7 - Conservation Celebration at SI Zoo

June 10 - FGCNYS State Meeting, Guilderland NY

June 17 - CMGC Fresh Kills Park Bus Trip—Club Fundraiser at Jimmy Max on Watchogue Rd..  
12 Noon to 10pm. Mention club name to waitress.

June 18 - GKGC Bus Trip to Chanticleer Gardens \$75

Sept. 19 - REGC Flower Show, “Sites of Italy” at New Dorp Moravian Church 1 to 5pm

## 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](http://www.fgcny.com)

**District One, FGCNYS:** [sigardenclubs.org](http://sigardenclubs.org).

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## *Club News*

### Castle Manor

Our members started off February 2015 visiting the Deep Cut Orchid Show at Dearborn Market in Holmdel, N. J. and the NJ Flower & Garden Show in Edison, NJ. In March, members attended the Philadelphia Flower Show titled 'Celebrate the Movies' and the FGCNYS Annual Mtg. and Installation of our Club President Lucy Bauer as Second Vice President at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. At our March meeting, the club yearbooks and membership cards were handed out. In April, club members and friends carpooled to Dearborn Market in Holmdel, NJ for a seminar titled 'Seasonal Baking' and a buffet luncheon. We had a wonderful time and also shopped at the garden center too. We attended the First District Meeting and Installation of Officers and were happy to participate in honoring Virginia Bodrate for her past two years as District Director. Our guest speaker for our May meeting was member Evelyn Koehler, a bee keeper. The program titled BEE MY HONEY was on the importance of bees to the environment and Evelyn offered a lot of information on this topic. Our members enjoyed this meeting immensely. This month, we planted hostas at our 9/11 garden at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Now, we're preparing for summer. Our members are looking forward to the District Flower Show 'Baker Street Mysteries' on June 6. Our club is responsible for the Judges breakfast. A number of our new members have entered the design categories and we wish them best of luck. On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Parks Dept. will be taking us by bus on a guided tour of Fresh Kills Park and update on current activities. Afterwards, we're heading over to Jimmy Max on Watchogue Road for lunch for our club fundraiser going on all that day from 12 noon to 10 pm at the restaurant. Just mention Castle Manor Garden Club to the waitress. We would appreciate that so much and you're in for a terrific lunch or dinner. And, the pizza is great, too! Safe & Happy Summer.

Lucy Bauer, reporting.

### Great Kills

Spring began with a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, which was well attended and planned by Virginia Bodrate as usual. Our spring luncheon honored Virginia Bodrate and thanked her for the work she did to make her two years as District Director a success. April's program was Tulipmania. The speaker was Leslie Heffner, a member of the Great Kills Garden Club. She is skilled in many aspects of water gardens and flowering bulbs. May's open meeting was a program on Faerie Gardens. Relive the magic of your childhood by learning how to create a small scale garden with whimsical accessories. Marilyn Curcio, Great Kills President was our speaker. She showed us how to create these amazing gardens.

Dolores Sollitto planted a tree for Arbor Day at Seaside Nature Park. Great Kills members will rebuild the garden that was destroyed during Sandy. Members also participated at the "For the Bird" Festival at the Conference House. We will have a fundraiser selling gardening T shirts for \$10. Spring cleaning will continue at Bloomingdale Park. We will have a trip on June 18 to Chanticleer Park for \$75.

Have a wonderful summer!

Lillian Ferrelli, reporting

### RICHMOND EVERGREEN

All members are enjoying spring and their gardening. The District Luncheon was a huge success. We all had a great time honoring Virginia Bodrate and welcoming Carol Berardi to her new position as District Director. At our May meeting recording secretary, Suzanne Quinn will be speaker and demonstrate an Underwater Design for our club. We have been tending to plantings at Silver Mount Cemetery, Garibaldi-Meucci Museum and other areas. Our June meeting will be held at The Stone House at Clove Lakes. Members are excited to be participating in the upcoming District Flower Show, Baker Street Mysteries. In June the club will be celebrating its 30th anniversary.

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### **SOUTH SHORE**

Members attended the District Luncheon on April 23 at the Staaten and prepared a beautiful Travel Table for our outgoing District Director, Virginia Bodrate. Congratulations to the South Shore Garden Club for being awarded the following awards at the recent District Luncheon: State Award Citation for World Gardening and two district awards, Special Achievement Citation and Gertrude Sokolowsky was presented with the Commendation Award for Long Time Service as a Member of a Club. A special thank you to Marilyn Curcio, President, Great Kills Garden Club, who spoke and demonstrated how to fill a "Window Box" at our April meeting. Plans are underway to take a trip to Dearborn Farm and Market, Holmdel, NJ. On Monday, June 29 for a buffet luncheon and a demonstration on Floral Table Arrangements. Open to all clubs. Cost \$20.00. Pre-paid reservations required. Contact Josephine McAndrews for reservations at 718.356.5807.

Members will be participating in the upcoming District Flower Show. An engraved silver bowl in memory of Sue Fink, founding member of the South Shore Garden Club was ordered and will be awarded at the upcoming District Flower Show on June 6. Contributions from the South Shore Garden Club have been sent to District Treasurer, Bonnie Rogers for World Gardening and The Trust for Public Land. In celebration of National Garden Week, members filled window boxes at the entrance of our meeting hall at the Paul Kroon Center with herbs and flowers. Get Well Wishes to Georgie Hicinbotham for a very speedy recovery. Hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Lynne McNamara and Gertrude Sokolowsky reporting

### **STATEN ISLAND**

John Foley, President of the Staten Island Orchid Society presented "Orchids; an obsession". A demonstration and lecture on the care and displaying of orchids for the home gardener. A most informative as well as enjoying program.

Marylou Terranova, New York State Horticulture Judge, Member of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York and Past President of Richmond Evergreen Garden Club was speaker at the April meeting. Her program: "Table Decor for the Flower Show".

Our spring luncheon for members and guests, held at Piccolino Ristorante. Table Decor for the Family Gatherings. Angela Marie Franco, Advertising agency owner, motivational speaker, author, gardener and noted expert in table manner and decor. Our June meeting will be held at Alice Austen House, 2 Hylan Boulevard. Members are invited to trade favorite plants, perennials, cuttings and exchange cultivation tips. Susan Wightman, Honorary member of Staten Island Garden Club will be on hand to lead a tour of the grounds.

A group of members attended the District Luncheon for an enjoyable afternoon. Members planted native species tree on the grounds of the museum to commemorate National Arbor Day. Member Marlene Streisinger was chair. Immanuel Union Church grounds received sprucing up by members headed by Alma and Anita. Bonnie Rogers, District and Club Coordinator and volunteers will host an information table at the Staten Island Zoo to celebrate Conservation Day. Publicity flyers and spring seedlings are distributed to spark interest and encourage potential new members. That event is scheduled for June 7th. Member Terri Torsney, leading a group of volunteer to clean up and plant at Alice Austen gravesite at Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION;** Starting in September we will be meeting at a new location. "All Saints Episcopal Church" 2329 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island 10314 (across Weisner Nursery). There is a parking lot. Welcome to new members; Marie M. Gargas, Ingrid Jennings, Ann Marie Midland, Sheila Montanti, Nancy D. Myers, Doreen Stone.

Vera Oliva reporting



# THE HEALING GARDEN ROSE REGISTRY



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

- THE SOLDIERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
- GERALD AND MADELINE TENEBRUSO
- JOHN OPULSKI
- MR. & MRS. HENRY SCHMIDT
- MR. & MRS. THEODORE WOYTOWICH
- PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF
- THE STATEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
- MEMBER OF
- THE FIRST DISTRICT FGCNYS, INC.
- CHRISTOPHER CUSACK
- ANGIE PUCCARELLI
- YETTA RICCIARDI
- WALTER MATUZA
- JEFFREY STARK
- JOHN NAVARRO
- ROSE BRUNO
- ROSE YASOSKY
- WALTER REPAGE
- ROSE (DOLLY) COMPETELLO
- EZZAT B. EL-MARAGHY
- ANGELA REVELO
- KEITH ROMA
- DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICA REVOLUTION
- STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER
- CIRA MARIE PATTI
- JESSIE BOUTILIER GREEN
- JAMES RUSSELL NICHOLSON, JR.
- MR. & MRS. JOHN GIORDANO
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- NADIA & THOMAS MURPHY
- JOSEPHINE JOHNSON
- ANDREW F. HOSIE
- FELIX DOGLIO
- ROSE YASOSKY
- FRANK BARBARINO, JR.
- KATHRYN VAN CANEGHAN
- CATHERINE CUSAK KELLY
- FRANCES DE SYLVA
- HOLY CHILD PRESCHOOL
- CAROLINE & PETER DE MONTE
- BOOTS & JACK CHRISTOPHER
- TOM GALLIGAN
- FREDRICK JACKSON
- LOLA MELUSO
- FRANCIS J. RYAN
- PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE
- RICHMOND EVER-GREEN GARDEN CLUB
- MEMBER OF
- THE FIRST DISTRICT FGCNYS, INC.

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- FRANCES KUDLESS
- ETHEL SMITH
- ROSEANN LORANO
- ELI GABEL
- CATERINA CERMOLA
- SUSAN BERNSTEIN
- COLLEEN MC CLOSKY
- ARTHUR T. BARRY
- JOSEPHINE MARESCA
- ALBA FONTANA
- MARIA DI MARIA
- FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY DELLE DONNE AND
- WIFE OLIMPIA DELLE DONNE
- PHILOMENA VESCIA
- JOSEPH PINTO
- ROSE WHALEN
- ALYSSA BARBERI
- BETTY PINTO
- JONATHAN HUBAND
- SALLY CIOFFI
- SALVATORE CIOFFI, SR.
- JONATHAN HUBAND
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- JOSEPH PINTI
- NICHOLAS SERAPICA
- IRENE TREZZA
- SYLVIA BREITBERG
- PHILIP J. GEBBIA
- ANTHONY CAPUTO
- VICKI ETTINGER
- PHYLLIS CASSETTI
- ROBERT HOSIE
- JEAN BENNETT
- JACK GOLDWASSER
- MARY PIRAINO
- BEA NICHOLSON
- BARBARA HOSIE
- (In Appreciation)
- KATHY & JACK HOLER
- (In Appreciation)
- VIOLET HANSEN
- DAMIAN RUSSO
- BARBARA KNABE
- INGRID HOLSTEIN

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# THE HEALING GARDEN ROSE REGISTRY



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

- THE 26 VICTIMS OF THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT
- RUDOLPH MORAWEK

- DOROTHY ETERGINOSO
- LOUISE KNEILING
- JEAN BECK
- ANTOINETTE JACKSON

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

## **A Message from Virginia Bodrate**

To All District One Members:

As your past Director I am sincerely grateful to all District One Garden Club members for your loyal service and encouragement during my term as Director, I bring away many happy memories and I thank you for a splendid send off. I hope you will transfer this generous support to our new Director, Carol Berardi.

God Bless you all.  
Virginia Bodrate, Past District Director

## **Let's Go Green**

To sign up for email delivery of the Garden Line contact the editor, Robert Bauer at  
[rbauer623@hotmail.com](mailto:rbauer623@hotmail.com).

## Photo Gallery



The New FGCNYS State Board for  
2015 to 2017

Incoming District One Board for 2015-  
2017.

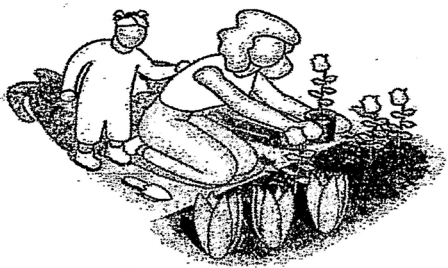


District One contingent at FGCNYS State  
Meeting in Albany—March 2015

Incomeing District I Director Carol  
Berardi and Outgoing Director Virginia  
Bodrate at District luncheon honoring  
Virginia—April 2015



**Visit our website at [sigardenclubs.org](http://sigardenclubs.org) for more pictures and details.**



# Poetry Contest

## Garden Blooms

2016

*Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc*

*Encourage students to express their thoughts through different types of poetry. Let them use their imagination and enjoy seeing the winning poets' work published in a printed booklet to be presented in the fall.*

### *Eligibility*

*Open to all youth pre-school through high school.*

### *Contest Rules*

*Judging will be done according to age/grade categories*

- \* All entries must be typed and titled*
- \* Include type of poem they have written*
- \* Include name, address, age, grade & school of participation*
- \* Sponsoring garden club must be identified*
- \* All entries become property of FCCNYS, Inc.*
- \* 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%*

Deadline: December 15, 2015

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