



FIRST DISTRICT  
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.

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*The Garden Line*

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*Directors Message*  
*By Carol Berardi*

Dear Members,

Hoping you have enjoyed your summer and looking forward to the months ahead with upcoming activities in garden club. As you know our goal this year is to increase membership. Please invite your friends and family to our luncheons and other activities to meet all of you and be a part of our family.

Hopefully they will be encouraged to join and want to learn about gardening. Please know that members can attend district meetings and I look forward to welcoming you. Here you will have the opportunity to learn our connection with the State Federation, Central Atlantic Region and National Garden Clubs.

In October of 2016, FGCNYS will host the Central Atlantic Region Conference. Past State President Jeanne Nelson is the Chairperson and has asked for all clubs in the state to participate. Richmond Evergreen Garden Club will be holding a Flower Show entitled "Luoghi d'Italia, Sites of Italy", at the New Dorp Moravian Church on September 19, from 1 to 4 pm. Bring your friends/family to enjoy the beauty of your talents. Castle Manor Garden Club holding a photo contest. Winners will be on display at their open meeting on Oct. 14, "Herbs of Halloween." All entries should be submitted by Sept. 9. Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club will hold its annual tea on Saturday, November 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

**September 28 and 29 are the dates for the State's Fall Conference.** Please make an effort to attend. Please refer to the State's website, [www.fgcny.com](http://www.fgcny.com), or contact me for more information. It is a short ride to Poughkeepsie. If you choose can stay overnight to attend the Tuesday morning workshops that are available or just attend the luncheon on Tuesday. **October 8 is First District's Semi-Annual Luncheon** to be held at the Staaten from 12 noon to 4 pm. A flyer and registration form are attached. Jeanne Nelson, Past State President and current State Awards Chair will be our guest speaker/designer. Be sure to attend to see her incredible designs which will be raffled off. Committee members should attend and are required to give their reports at the meeting.

It is important that members support each clubs fundraisers so they are able to continue with their projects for the beautification of Staten Island. Looking forward to a successful year in gardening. Thank you all for your help in achieving our goals.

Carol Berardi, Director

## Upcoming Flower Show

Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club will hold a Flower Show on Saturday, September 19th from 1pm to 4pm, at New Dorp Moravian Church. Please look for the trifold on the [sigardenclubs.org](http://sigardenclubs.org) website and call Jo-Anne Schiffer, 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  
**Great Kills** - Marilyn Curcio  
**Richmond-Evergreen** - Marge Holten

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



### World Gardening—Water for South Sudan

Since 2005, 259 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

Sept. 19 - REGC Flower Show, “Sites of Italy” at New Dorp Moravian Church 1 to 4pm

Sept. 28 - 29 - FGCNYS Fall Conference, Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

Oct. 3 - 4 - St. Paul’s Flower Festival

Oct. 8 - First District Semi-Annual Meeting and Luncheon, The Staaten

Oct. 14 - Castle Manor GC Open Meeting, “Herbs of Halloween.” Guest speaker Gert Coleman

Nov. 2 - First District Meeting, Great Kills Moravian Church

Nov. 7 - Richmond Ever-Green Tea, The Hilton

Dec. 7 - First District Meeting, Great Kills Moravian Church

## 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)

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## Club News

### Castle Manor

Castle Manor Garden Club members were so happy to participate in First District Flower Show "Baker Street Mysteries". In honor of National Garden Week, our club members had a guided tour of the Fresh Kills Park followed by lunch at Jimmy Max. Our members planted a Dwarf Alberta Spruce at PS 37 for Arbor Day and planted hostas at the 9/11 All Saints Episcopal Church Garden. We helped celebrate Conservation Day at the SI Zoo with members from District One giving out plants and flyers. This is always a wonderful day with our sister clubs. For fun, members and their families attended a SI Yankee game.

After a summer hiatus, our September 9 program "Savory & Sweets" will be a fun interactive food event about SAVORY the Herb of the Year.

Come join us at our **Open Meeting on October 14** with **Guest Speaker Gert Coleman of the Herb Society**, program titled **"HERBS OF HALLOWEEN."** \$10.00 tea tax (dessert, coffee & tea included) raffles, 50/50 and 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest Winners on display.

Lucille Bauer, reporting

### Great Kills

June meeting was a program on crazy crafts and clever containers. Leslie Heffner, a current member of GKGC, was the program speaker. She is very knowledgeable in many aspects of gardening and a winning grower of cacti and succulents. Her wonderful sense of humor adds a special touch to her presentations. In July our program was a tour of the tropical garden at Snug Harbor. Greg Lord, the horticulture head of Snug Harbor was the speaker. He made our tour wonderful. After the tour we had lunch at Cole's Dock Side. August program was about Orchids. Our speaker was John Foley. He has

been growing orchids for over 40 years. He has been president of the S.I. Orchid Society for over 13 years. He answered many questions on how to grow and care for orchids.

Enjoy the rest of summer!  
Lillian Ferrelli, reporting

### RICHMOND EVERGREEN

The club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding their June meeting at The Stone House at Clove Lakes. President, Marge Holton thanked all for their hard work and all who participated in the District Flower Show. Marge congratulated show winners for Membership, Theresa Corey and Rose Kelly, Award of Appreciation along with District Membership Chairs. Also, Dried Petite Design, Denise Dunphy 1<sup>st</sup> and Petite Award, Irene Marraccini 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carolyn Pinto HM. Fresh and Dried Small Design, Marge Holton 1<sup>st</sup>. Stretch Design, Rosina Kiley HM. Fresh Small Design, Bernadette Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Functional Table, Carol Boylan 1<sup>st</sup> and Table Artistry & Sue Fink award, Nancy Correra 3<sup>rd</sup>. Artistic Craft, Suzanne Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup> and a HM. Buffet Table, Mary Lou Terranova 1<sup>st</sup>. Underwater Design, Jo-Anne Schiffner HM.

Connie Galifi, Mary Vitali-Selznick and Linda Conlon did plantings at The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Carolyn Pinto and Lenora Mauch planted flowers at the Concord, Staten Island World War II Memorial. July's speaker was John Foley, President of the SI Orchid Society. August's speaker was Bruce Spierer, Organic Recovery Coordinator of Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Carolyn Pinto was selected as a Staten Islander of the week by NY1 and has received an award from former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Members are preparing for a Standard Flower Show, Loughi d'Italia "Sites of Italy" September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Boylan, reporting

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### **SOUTH SHORE**

South Shore garden club members are having a great summer and are looking forward to the exciting events happening over the next few months. Our deepest sympathy to club member, Shirley Walsh, on the loss of her Mom, long time club member and a founding member of the South Shore Garden Club, Edna Anderson, who passed away in July at the age of 102. All who knew Edna, knew she was a driving force in our club. She will be sorely missed. On Memorial Day members of the American Legion of Staten Island met the Conference House Park to pay tribute to the Tommy Monahan Tree and Memorial Garden, our club's continuing project. Over 50 people were in attendance. Our club has taken on a new gardening project at the Blessed Mother Grotto/Statue at St. Joseph's Church, Rossville. Members have planted annuals and perennials, and fresh flowers are placed there on a regular basis.

Our club continues to place herbs and flowers in the window boxes at the entrance of our meeting hall at the Paul Kroon Center at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Members participated in the First District Flower Show held on June 6. President Gertrude Sokolowsky entered a lovely teacup in Artistic Crafts.

On June 29 our club took a trip to Dearborn Farm and Market in Holmdel, NJ. We had a delicious buffet luncheon and heard an outstanding program on "Floral Design". This trip was chaired by Josephine McAndrews. Thank you to all those that attended and supported our raffle.

Lynne McNamara reporting

### **STATEN ISLAND**

First meeting at our new location: "All Saints Episcopal Church" 2329 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island 10314 (across from Weisner Nursery). Everyone looking forward to a smooth transition. We are still dealing with a blistering hot summer; making it difficult to maintain our landscapes. We can hope for cooler temperatures arriving soon.

A group of our members are preparing to participate at the Richmond County Fair Flower Vegetable Competition. A most enjoyable family weekend.

September 23rd being our first meeting in our new location will welcome Sean Psomas. Our program "Fabulous Flower Arrangements on a Shoe String Budget". Sean will demonstrate showing techniques used for creating economical but dramatic floral arrangements. He is Interior Designer and Owner of Wildflowers Floral & Gift Shop, New Dorp.

Program for our October meeting; "Alice Austen Founding President of Staten Island Garden Club". The speaker Teresa Torsney, corresponding Secretary of The Staten Island Garden Club and authority of the life of Alice Austen. Teresa Torsney will present an electronic slide presentation and lecture depicting the photographs of the renowned photographer Alice Austen and the history of her garden, life and times.

Meeting & Holiday Luncheon for members & guests will be held at Italianissimo Restaurant on December 2nd. Located at 107 McLean Avenue. Vice President Carolyn Rhodes-Brown, Chair and Design Arranger. Enter on your calendar.....

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  
Messiah Lutheran Church - Paster 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 Avenue



## Photo Gallery

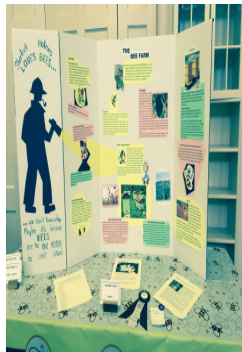


District members at Conservation Celebration at the Staten Island Zoo.



. Castle Manor GC members with family and Scooter at Staten Island Yankees game.

### First District Flower Show, “Baker Street Mysteries.” co-chaired by Joel and Leslie Heffner



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

## 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).

*Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.*  
*First District*

*Semi-Annual Luncheon*

*Thursday*  
*October 8, 2015*

*Li Greci's Staaten*  
*697 Forest Avenue*  
*Staten Island*

*\$55 per person*

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*Please mail your check to Bonnie Rogers, 112 Kimball Ave., SI, NY 10314*

*Name*-----*# of guests*-----

*Names of Guests*-----

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*Name of Club*-----