



FIRST DISTRICT
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Directors Message
By Carol Berardi

Dear Members,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and looking forward to the Fall season and all of the wonderful events ahead. Thanks to all of you that attended Conservation Day at the Staten Island Zoo and in celebration of National Garden Week. It was a lovely day and I enjoyed meeting many of the members from the Staten Island Garden Club and Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club. I regret that I was unable to join you at the Great Kills Garden Club "Tea at Bea's" because of a family obligation. I do hope that you had an enjoyable time. Many thanks to the members who helped with maintenance of the Healing Garden. It is regrettable that we had to cancel the bus trip to Morven Gardens because of lack of interest. I am open to suggestions on any type of fund-raising event that you would be willing to support. In order for our clubs and District to survive, the events need your support. Please do your best to attend these functions. It is you that make our garden clubs successful so that we can continue our commitment to beautifying Staten Island. The following is a list of events scheduled for the Fall Season.

The Fall Conference and Meeting to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, New York will be held on September 11 and 12th. Lucille Bauer, Second Vice-President of the FGCNYS, Inc. is the chair and if you would like to attend please refer to the fgcny.com website for further information. The meetings are very informative and you get to meet members of the Federation. The following weekend is the Richmond Ever-Green Garden Club tea "An Evening in Paris" chaired by Maryann Burchie and Connie Galifi. The date is set for Saturday, September 17 at 1pm at the Hilton's Nicotra's Ballroom.

October 6 is our Semi-Annual Meeting and luncheon to be held at the Staaten. Please make every effort to attend. The meeting starts at 10am and the luncheon at 12 noon. Remember to visit the boutique table.

October 24-25, the NGC-CAR will hold its conference at the Gideon-Putnam Resort in Saratoga, New York. Again, please check the website at www.fgcny.com for the registration form if interested in attending.

November 12 is the date for the District Flower Show, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" at the New Dorp Moravian Church from 1 to 5pm, chaired by Carol Boylan and Suzanne Quinn. Please invite your friends so they can see how talented you are. Holiday shows are always very special. The tri-fold is on the sigarden-clubs.org website. Don't forget to enter. Date to be announced: South shore Garden Club Holiday Party and Luncheon at the Old Bermuda Inn.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Carol Berardi

FGCNYS 66th Fall Conference

Sept. 11– 12, 2016

Radisson Hotel Utica Center in Utica NY

Lucille Bauer, Chairman

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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

Sept. 11-12 - FGCNYS Fall Conference, Radisson Hotel, Utica, NY

Sept. 17 - Richmond Ever-Green Tea, “An Evening in Paris,” Hilton Garden Inn, 1PM

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

Nov. 7—District One Board Meeting, Grest Kills Moravian Church

Nov. 12, District Flower Show. Set up Fri. Nov. 11 at 3PM.

Dec. 5, District Christmas Party - Marilyn Curcio, Coordinator

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

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Club News

Castle Manor

Members of the Castle Manor GC had a wonderful visit in June to Colonial Park Gardens with tours of the Rose Garden and perennials. This summer this Club President has been busy with plans for the upcoming Fall Conference, Set. 11-12 in Utica NY. We will have wonderful representation there with 11 members attending from First District. In September, our first meeting after the summer we will be visiting Weisner's Garden Center for a program on bulb planting and care. Our October meeting we will have a Christmas tree centerpiece workshop and our 8th Annual photo contest winners will be on display. Thank you to Chairman Cynthia Turbin-Friday and her judges for a great job. As Youth Chairman, the 2017 Poetry Contest is in full swing and the theme will be Bees, Bugs and Butterflies. Please see article in this Garden Line for more information. Your club president can provide additional flyers too.

Lucille Bauer, reporting

Great Kills

Our August program is a history of gardening. Our speakers are Joel Heffner and Leslie Heffner, members of the Great Kills Garden Club. Joel taught American History for three decades. They will take us on a winding road through strange events and interesting people from Thomas Jefferson to Radiator Charlie. Members participated in conservation Day at the Staten Island Zoo. We planted annuals with the students of the Seton Foundation around their school. Our June speaker was Ida Ferro from Castle Manor Garden Club who demonstrated her talent making designs using colorful pool tubes. In July we had our open meeting, "Tea at Beas." Over 60 people attended and enjoyed sandwiches, salads, yummy desserts and, of course, tea. Bess Cordella led the planting at Bloomingdale Park. Both annuals and perennials were planted at the entrance of the park. Grace Morawek and Marilyn Curio worked to improve Seaside Wildlife Nature Park. In July they had help from the Summer Youth Employment program who helped them plant annuals and perennials and put down mulch.

Lillian Ferrelli, reporting

RICHMOND EVERGREEN

At July's meeting we were very fortunate to have Leslie Heffner, Great Kills Garden Club member as our guest speaker. Leslie gave a very informative program on cacti and succulents and on their growth and care. Thanks so much Leslie for your time and expertise! In August we invited Meg Ventrudo, Executive Director of The Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art to speak at our meeting. Meg had a slide show prepared and answered questions. Before the closing of each monthly meeting members are judged on their horticulture. Mary Anne Burchie and Connie Galifi along with their committee are working diligently on preparations for the upcoming September 17th Tea at The Hilton Garden Inn. This year's Tea is titled "An Evening In Paris" and is expected to be a very entertaining afternoon. We are looking forward to this year's District Holiday Flower Show, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" chaired by Carol Boylan and Suzanne Quinn. The show is November 12th and will be open to the public from 1 to 4 PM.

Carol Boylan reporting

SOUTH SHORE

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It certainly has been a warm one...which means our members have been very busy watering the gardens our club maintains. On June 27, 2016 our club made a trip to Dearborn Farm and Market in Holmdel, NJ. Our members enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon and a wonderful program on Container Gardening. It was both a financial and social success. Thanks to Trip Chairperson, Josephine McAndrews for all of her help in arranging and coordinating this trip for our club. We continue to maintain the Blessed Mother Grotto at St. Joseph Church. Fresh flowers are placed there on a weekly basis. Our club's involvement in this project continues to be very well received by the parishioners of our church and the community. Plans are underway to plant a tree in memory of our founding member, Edna Anderson at the Conference House. More details to follow. Our club extends our deepest sympathy to Marie Cagiao on her recent loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. Our club members will be volunteering at the Richmond County Fair on September 5. Our Annual Holiday

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Party will take place on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn. Cost \$35.00. For reservations please call Gertrude at 718-966-8164.

Gertrude Sokolowsky and Lynne McNamara reporting

STATEN ISLAND

Our June meeting-luncheon was held at the Alice Austen House. The lovely atmosphere was enjoyed by everyone attending. A great lunch was prepared by our members. After lunch the members enjoyed swapping plants and seedlings. Quite a selection was offered.

In spite of the unbearable weather, members maintained the public areas such as Alice Austen Grave at Moravian Cemetery, New York City Greenstreet, Anthony Gaeta Park, Firemen's Memorial on Clinton Street and The Healing Garden. Past President, District & Club Coordinator Bonnie Rogers and her committee hosted an information table at the Staten Island

Zoo for the Conservation Celebration. Publicity flyers and spring seedlings were distributed to spark interest to potential new members.

John Kilcullen, Director of the Conference House, NYC Dept of Parks & Recreation will be speaker at the September meeting. Care and Maintenance of Trees and Shrubs in the Garden and Landscape will be the program.

A nominating committee of three persons shall be elected at the September meeting. Elections shall be by ballot at the regular meeting in October.

Donna Marie Pagano, renowned speaker will present a program of "Beautiful Dried Flower Arrangements" at our October meeting. To encourage appreciation of flowers and design using dried flowers in arrangements. There will be no meeting in November.

Meeting & Holiday Luncheon for members & guests being held on December 2nd. Location being Italianissimo Restaurant 107 McClean Avenue at 12 noon. Chair and Design Arranger is Vice President Carolyn Rhodes-Brown. The objective being to cultivate social relations among its members conducive to the welfare of the club & promotion of joy & pleasure for its members.

Vera Oliva reporting

FGCNYS 2017 Poetry Contest Theme: Bees Bugs and Butterflies

Eligibility = Open to all youth pre-school through high school.

All entries must be typed and titled following the theme. Include sponsoring club, age, grade and school on back of poem. All entries become property of FGCNYS, Inc. Poems do not have to rhyme. They may be traditional, verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems limerick or Haiku.

Scale of Points: Title 10%, content 40%, creativity 30%, style 20%.

Deadline to District Youth Chairman, Lucille Bauer by March 1, 2017.

Submit entries to Lucille Bauer, 5692 Amboy Road 10309.

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.

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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



Great Kills GC Members attending a tribute to Lee Gugliada.



Great Kills GC ladies showing off their hats at the "Tea at Beas" GKGC fundraiser.



Lucille Bauer, Terry Corey, Membership Chair, Stella Gasparo, Peggy Cullimore-Klein and Graceann Morawek at the Richmond County Fair membership drive.



Castle Manor GC members at Colonial Park Gardens in Somerset, NJ.