



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,

In the most recent past, I represented you at the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. Fall Conference that was held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, New York with Jo-Anne Schiffner, Yearbook chair, Virginia Bodrate, Club Recognition chair and Lucille Bauer, Second Vice President, all State positions and, then, last week at the National Garden Club-Central Atlantic Region Conference at the Gideon-Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY along with Jo-Anne Schiffner and Carolyn Pinto. Carolyn serves on the Boards for the State and for NGC-CAR for Memorial Gardens. Bonnie and Ned Rogers were able to join us as well. Both conferences were extremely well done and provided much information. Denise Dunphy and Peggy Cullimore-Klein attended the Symposium that immediately followed the NGC-CAR Conference. They all have extended themselves at all levels of garden club and it is so appreciated. We were pleased to host the President's Cocktail party for Lucille Bauer who was the Chairperson of the State Fall Conference in September.

Graceann Morawek and Virginia Bodrate were introduced as co-directors of First District at the State Winter Board Meeting in November. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for their dedication to garden club. Best wishes for a successful two year term. I am sure that you will enjoy your new positions as much as I have. Here you will have the opportunity to visit the clubs in our district and meet their members.

We would be extremely happy to see some of you progress within garden club. Garden club offers educational classes in horticulture and design. After completing classes, you may wish to become a Judge and/or perhaps move up within the District and then the State. As you know, keeping up with membership is the key to our growth. I ask you to invite your friends or family to join. Garden Club members have a special bond and we all work together for the benefit of our community.

Many kudos to Carol Boylan and Suzanne Quinn as well as all the members of First District for their participation in making the District Flower Show a success. A special thank you to Ned Rogers for his assistance in transporting our supplies. This is a "huge" help.

My best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Year's. May God give you strength and good health in all that you do.

Sincerely,
Carol Berardi
District Director

FGCNYS Annual Meeting and Installation

April 3-5, 2016
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, NY

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District Officers

Carol Berardi,
Director

Alma DiSimone,
Assistant Director

Lucille Bauer
Corresponding Secretary

Graceann Morawek
Recording Secretary

Bonnie Rogers,
Treasurer

Evelia Foster,
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, 282 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

2017

Feb. 6, District Meeting

Mar. 6, District Meeting

April 3-5, FGCNYS Annual Meeting and Installation, Buffalo 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

Club members were happy to attend the FGCNYS Fall Conference in Utica, NY this past September. The club also held a ceremony at their 9/11 garden in honor of all who were lost. Members of our club along with the District helped to decorate all the windows for the annual St. Paul's Flower Festival. Lucy and Evelyn attended the District 2 Fall Luncheon & Flower Show in Woodbury, L.I. Our club planted bulbs and stained the bench at the All Saints Church 9/11 Memorial Garden. We had great participation in the recent District Flower Show. Congratulations to all our members especially to Ann Nora Conte for winning the Novice Award for "Elf on the Shelf" and Denise Solomon for the Education Award and Barbara Cucci, a first in design. We look forward to our annual Christmas dinner at the Real Madrid and the District Christmas Party. Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Lucille Bauer, reporting

Great Kills

Our November meeting was a stretch design that Bea Nicholson and Peggy Cullimore-Klein demonstrated. The First District semi-annual meeting and luncheon was held at the Staten on October 6, 2016. Great Kills members attended and participated. On November 9th Officers Reports, Chairmen's Reports and business, including election of a nominating committee was conducted. We had our annual auction which was very successful. Paula auctioned off all our old and new treasurers. We are going to have our annual holiday party on December 14. Members will bring in a favorite food for a pot luck supper. We are looking forward to Great Kills Board of Directors Holiday Dinner and Board Meeting Dec. 7 at Patricia, 4255 Amboy Road, 6PM. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. See you all next year.

Lillian Ferrilli, reporting

RICHMOND EVERGREEN

Members have been taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather to clean up their gardens in preparation of the winter months ahead. At our October meeting we enjoyed Joel Heffner's expertise on "Shoot Your Flowers... With a camera, of course!" At November's meeting Sean Pso-mas, Proprietor of Wildflowers, New Dorp and Honorary Member of our club designed a cornucopia for the upcoming holidays.

So many helped prepare for First District's Flower Show, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year" held November 12th. The following members happily received awards: Lucretia Ingallinera, Jo-Ann Schiffner, Maryann Burchie, Linda Conlon, Carol Berardi, Lenora Mauch, Marge Holton, Doreen Bedford, Connie Galifi, Denise Dunphy, Nancy Corraera, Irene Marraccini, Mary Lou Terranova, Theresa Corey, Bernadette Sullivan, Carolyn Pinto, Suzanne Quinn and Carol Boylan. Members Carol Carlson and Rosalie Plevrites assisted Carolyn Pinto with the Clerking. Many thanks to Great Kills Garden Club members for providing the breakfast for the Judges and to Richmond Ever-Green for providing the Judge's lunch.

Mary Lou Terranova has graciously opened her home for our December meeting along with a Cookie Exchange. Our Holiday dinner party will be held at Nove's Campania in Eltingville. Happy Holidays to all and wishing everyone a very healthy New Year!

Carol Boylan, reporting

SOUTH SHORE

Members volunteered at the Richmond County Fair on Saturday, September 5. It was a very effective way to recruit new garden club members along with creating awareness about First District and the five garden clubs on Staten Island. Members attended the Fall District Luncheon on Thursday, October 6th. Our club received the NYS Club Recognition Award and World

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Gardening Citation. A District Achievement Citation Award was awarded to Shirley Walsh for her outstanding dedication and service to the South Shore Garden Club. Congratulations Shirley on this well deserved honor! Our club also received a District Community Improvement Citation Award for our continuing project - The Blessed Mother Grotto at St. Joseph's Church in Rossville. At our club's October meeting, members made a floral arrangement in a pumpkin. This workshop was led by our President, Gertrude Sokolowsky. Seven club members attended the recent District Flower Show on November 12. Those that attended the flower show, many of them new members, thoroughly enjoyed this beautiful flower show! Our club's Holiday Party, our annual fundraiser, will take place on Saturday, December 17 at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Cost: \$35.00. For reservations, please call Lynne McNamara, 917-301-3124. Please support our annual fundraising event. Happy Holidays to you and your families.....

Gertrude Sokolowsky and Lynne McNamara, reporting

STATEN ISLAND

John Kilcullen, Director of the Conference House, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation was speaker at our September meeting. He provided information to members in the care and maintenance in trees and shrubs. Our program in October was Dried Flower Arrangements.

On October 28th, Terri Toursney formed a group of members for the clean up off Alice Austen gravesite at Moravian Cemetery on Richmond Road. Part of the group was Terri Toursney, Anne Marie Maltese, Celide Hogan, Ingrid Jennings, Bonnie Rogers, Marianne Brunner, Pat Harder, Sheila Montanti, Bonnie Rogers, Vera Oliva. The leaves were coming down faster than we could rake. Ladies; sorry if I missed any one!

October 17, was a beautiful day to plant Daffodils bulbs. And that is exactly what took place at Gaeta Park on Wyona Avenue and Victory Boulevard, across from the Todt Hill Library. Celide Hogan arranged to receive the bulbs from the parks department and the volunteers were headed by Dawn Schioppo, Pat Harder and Vice President Carolyn Brown-Rhodes. Luckily Dawn's husband came to the rescue with shovel in hand to do the digging for the planting. It was rough digging around all the routes of the trees. For some unknown reason he declined to become member of our club.

John Kilcullen, Director of the Conference House; hosted a tour of the Conference House on November 1st. Members enjoyed an extensive tour and enjoyed their lunch afterwards. Some of our members participated in the decorating for the English Flower Festival at Saint Pauls Episcopal Church. Members of our club decorated the Alice Austen House-Museum with greenery for the upcoming events for the holidays to be held there. A lovely lunch was held afterward. This event was chaired by Beverly Pappalardo and Terri Toursney. A beautiful event!

Centerpieces for our Holiday Luncheon will be arranged at Pat Harder's home, on December 6th by our members attending. Again our Holiday Meeting-Luncheon will be held at Italianissimo Restaurant on McClean Avenue. The event taking place on December 6th at noon. Vice President Carolyn Brown-Rhodes and Past President Pat Harder are chairing this event. Installation of Officers will take place at our February meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All

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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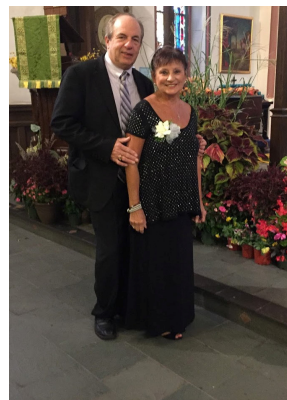
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Photo Gallery



District One Members Bonnie Rogers, Joanne Schiffner, Carolyn Pinto and Carol Berardi with FGCNYS State President Pat Wania at FGC-CAR Conference in Saratoga Springs NY.



Lucille Bauer, honoree at the St. Paul's Flower Festival with her husband Robert.



District One members at Fall Conference in Utica NY.



Castle Manor GC members in 9/11 Garden at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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.

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. .

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District One Flower Show

A Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Congratulations to Chairs Carol Boylan and Suzanne Quinn and all the members of District One who participated in the District flower show. "A Most Wonderful time of the Year." You are all winners for putting on such a wonderful show.

