



DFGC 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Even though it is very hot and dry this time of the year, there are many pollinators in our beach garden. I am not seeing very many monarch butterflies, however. I am hoping that they are just late this year as I have heard about the possibility of monarchs being listed on the endangered species listing. Hope you are all enjoying your summer and that your gardens are still in bloom. I somehow cannot water enough. Good to see the Crepe Myrtle trees in bloom and the Russian Sage—so reliable and they bloom when so many other plants have just about had it!



Your DFGC board members have purchased an engraved DE Federation of Garden Clubs bench to be used at the Delaware Botanic Gardens fundraising dinner in the garden next month and then in the DBG for visitors use in the garden. It is made of long lasting durable material that should last a good long time. This was a one time opportunity to get our DFGC name out there as we are probably one of the best kept secrets. I am always amazed when I meet someone who tells me they did not know of any garden clubs in Delaware.

Many interesting happenings this fall with the NGC board meeting in Orlando in September, a three garden club flower show September 12, the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC) conference in Ohio on October 25-26, and our big DFGC Jewelry Jumble sale at our state meeting on November 14 just to name a few. We would love to have you bring a guest or two to our November meeting—especially someone who enjoys jewelry! Please visit our website delawaregardenclubs.org for a complete listing of events happening during the next few months. Stay cool!

Lisa

2018-2019 DFGC Programs

9:00am-Registration/Coffee, 10:00-Meeting, followed by lunch and program
Cost-\$30. per person

Wednesday, November 14, 2018-NOTE-2ND WEDNESDAY DUE TO THANKS-GIVING

Program: "White House Christmas-Behind the Scenes"
Speaker: Claire Jones-Horticulturalist, landscape design consultant, Master Judge, floral designer, chosen to decorate the White House-2011, 2015, 2017

Location: Executive Banquet and Conference Center
205 Executive Drive
Newark, DE 19702

Host Club: Countryside Garden Club

Registrar: Ginny Cardona
146 Dantes Drive
Hockessin, DE 19707
302 239-8535 dfgcregistrar@gmail.com

Deadline: Friday, November 2, 2018

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Program: "Decorating with Houseplants"
Speaker: Ginny Rosenkranz-Television personality from DelmarvaLife, Master Gardener, Coordinator, University of Maryland Extension Educator

Location: Wild Quail Golf and Country Club
1 Clubhouse Drive
Wyoming, DE 19934

Host Club: Potpourri Garden Club

Registrar: Debbie L. Rouse
100 Quail Run
Wyoming, DE 19934
302 632-2434 dfgcregistrar@gmail.com

Deadline: Friday, April 5, 2019

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Program: "The Gardener's Notebook", A Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Presented by: Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs in cooperation
with
the Delaware Judges Council

Location: Modern Maturity Center
1121 Forrest Ave.
Dover, DE 19904

Host Club: Duck Creek Gardeners

Registrar: Regina Brown
116 N. Main St.
Smyrna, DE 19977
302 670-8333 dfgcregistrar@gmail.com

Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2019

DFGC Meeting Registration Reminder

NEW All luncheon reservations will be sent to one email address
DFGCregistrar@gmail.com.

DFGC meeting registration opens at 9AM on the day of the meeting. There will be coffee and snack available. The meeting starts at 10 with a lunch break and then the program. The cost for attending is only \$30.

Please write your check to your garden club for DFGC meeting attendance. Your club Treasurer will then submit one check and a list of attendees to the meeting registrar to be received by the due date indicated. Your treasurer will also email the registrar the list of your club attendees and advise the registrar of any food restrictions. The registrar will confirm receipt of the reservation email. If your treasurer does not have email access the registrar must be called when the check is sent.

NEW: All email respective to meeting reservations must be sent to
DFGCregistrar@gmail.com.

This eliminates changing registrar emails for every club meeting. Moving forward standardizing is a good thing.

The Host Club for the next meeting is Countryside Garden Club. The registrar for this meeting which will be held on November 14th is Ginny Cardona. The deadline for meeting reservations is Friday November 2.

Mail reservation list and check to:

Ginny Cardona
146 Dantes Drive
Hockessin, De 19707

Email: DFGCregistrar@gmail.com
Phone: 302 289 8535

Please note that the meeting is the 2nd vs. 3rd **Wednesday**. Remember there will lots of Jewelry to shop for at the **Jewelry Jumble** DFGC Fundraiser that day!.

The Nominating Committee has filled the slate of officers for 2019-2021 for DFGC. They are:

Connie Raymond-President
Barbara DeRue-1st Vice President
Susan Newark-2nd Vice President
Karen Batt-Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Kramarck-Corresponding Secretary
Joan Simon-Treasurer

Delaware Wins Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs

TREE-mendous Delaware, a two-part project of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs that emphasizes (1) membership growth and (2) tree planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, was recognized with the Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs by National Garden Clubs, Inc. at their May 2018 Conference in Philadelphia last week.

Two new garden clubs were formed in Delaware since the project began in April 2017 (Coastal Gardeners and Four Seasons Gardeners of DFGC President Lisa Arni displays the medal Heritage Shores), increasing statewide that accompanied the Award of Excellence.



membership by nearly 10%, which was the two-year goal for this project. The Twenty-five Hundred Dollar first year goal for tree planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek was reached just six months after the project began. Over \$10,000 has been raised to date. These funds are used by Delaware Botanic Gardens to plant the Woodland Garden area next to the Meadow Garden.

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs President Lisa Arni was extremely proud and equally stunned by the extraordinary awards earned by Delaware Garden Clubs from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) for their 2017 projects. In addition to the Award of Excellence, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs earned four other national awards in its category:

- DFGC Membership Brochure, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
- Social Media / Website, First Place
- Garden Club Membership Publication, First Place
- Special Achievement: Most Outstanding Civic Project furthering NGC Objectives and Projects throughout the Year, Overall Winner

Three member clubs of the statewide federation won National recognition, as well. They are:

Middletown/Odessa Garden Club (Medium Club)

Newsletter (Medium Club), Certificate of Appreciation

Plantation Lakes Garden Club (Small Club) Yearbook (Small Club), 1st Place

Newsletter: Growing Together Newsletter. Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

History: PLGC Scrapbook 2016-2017. Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Membership Brochure, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Barefoot Gardeners (Large Club)

Publication: Coastal Garden Tour, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is very proud of the awards and appreciates the time, talent, and dedication displayed by many garden club members who work year round on these projects and projects within their local communities. To view a list released by DFGC Awards

Chair Maureen Eisenhart of all the DFGC Award winners announced at the June 20 meeting in Dover, please visit DelawareGardenClubs.org/DFGC-awards

Margaret Woda
DFGC Publicity Chair

2018 Delaware Scholarship

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is very pleased to announce the award of a scholarship to Mark Meloni of Blackbird, Delaware. Mark is a senior at the University of Delaware, majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Environmental Advocacy and a minor in Coastal and Marine Geo Science. He would like to become involved in environmental policy or advocacy after graduation.

In addition to the Delaware scholarship, Mark also received a scholarship award from National Garden Clubs, Inc. This is the second time that he was selected by both organizations for their scholarship awards. Mark can look forward to a bright future in his career choice of environmental policy and advocacy!



DFGC Scholarship Chair Elva Davidson, Scholarship Winner Mark Meloni, and DFGC President Lisa Arni. Photo by Sylvia Heidbreder.



MILFORD GARDEN CLUB



The Milford Garden Club has had a busy spring! Our annual plant sale held at the Parson Thorne Mansion on May 5 was a huge success with beautiful weather and a big crowd.

June brought us Garden Week when we had our annual picnic and installation of officers by DFGC President Lisa Arni. Our new mayor Archie Campbell was also in attendance and gave the annual Garden Week Proclamation. Our scholarship winner was also presented with a \$1000.00 scholarship. Potted New Guinea Impatiens were distributed to various businesses and we presented the book *The Saved Seed* to the Milford and Harrington Libraries as well as the 4 elementary schools in the Milford School District.



Garden Gate Garden Club

After our June meeting, Anne Aleman and Pat Kermes went to the Delaware Museum of Natural History and planted some succulents in our Bobbee Vernon memorial garden.



On September 12, 2018, Garden Gate Garden Club, Moonflower and Canterbury Garden Clubs will hold an NGC Standard Flower Show at the Delaware Center for Horticulture in Wilmington, DE. The show is free and we invite you all to come and see the vast array of Horticulture and stunning floral designs.

“Beyond the Garden Gate”

An NGC Standard Flower Show
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Delaware Center for Horticulture
1810 N. Dupont St.
Wilmington, DE 19806
Open to the Public – Admission Free

SUSSEX GARDENERS



AWARDS

We had a good year 2017-18 for our civic and club participation. We were recognized by the State who presented us with five first-place awards, three second place awards, and an honorable mention. First Place included: Civic Achievement-Planting of pollinator garden at Rehoboth Beach Museum; Horticulture/ Garden Therapy at Gull House and Cadbury @ Moorings; Public Education for the Zwaanendael Museum Tulip Celebration; Holiday Special Achievement for handmade nosegays for Meals on Wheels patrons and wreaths for Gull House, Rehoboth Beach Public Library, and Delaware State Police.

Picture far left 2017-18 President Karen Coombe, right 2015-2017 President Ann Case.



MINIATURE GARDENS

Our May meeting was a delight. Mary Noel and Donna Fellows, Sussex County Master Gardeners, defined miniature gardening with a power point presentation, instructions, and samples of their work. They also provided a “hands on” workshop for members of Sussex Gardeners who wished to create their own miniature gardens. We all love gardening but creating a miniature garden was something special. Our talented members created exquisite gardens. Picture left is a sample garden provided by the Master Gardeners.



PRESIDENT RESIGNS

At our last meeting of the year, June 28, 2018, Sussex Gardeners President Karen Coombe submitted her resignation as president. The recent passing of her beloved husband has been a challenge for Karen and she believes that she is unable to provide the leadership to deal with the dynamic garden club. We all extend our love and support for Karen during this difficult time as the club reluctantly accepted her resignation.

Picture left is the centerpiece from our May meeting created by our talented Judy Pinsdorf.

PLANTATION LAKES GARDEN CLUB

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The highlight of our 2017-2018 garden club year was “Celebrate Spring” - Plantation Lake’s first flower show on May 19. One hundred percent of our members participated in planning and producing the show, which featured four classes in the “Spring Celebrations” Design Division and twenty-one classes in the “Gifts from the Garden” Horticulture Division of the NGC Small Standard Flower Show. Our theme was evident throughout, from the entrance featuring a green bicycle adorned with a basket of fresh flowers to the signage and the pastel green and ivory table covers. Much of the credit for our success goes to Flower Show Chair Ginger Esposito and our wonderful mentor Dottie Howatt, who guided members through the flower show process.



Our third annual May Basket Display to “Beautify our community one front door at a time” was enjoyed by residents throughout Plantation Lakes. A May Basket design demonstration for our neighbors who don’t belong to garden club was held on the preceding Saturday to help expand community participation.

Our Spring Plant Sale was expanded to two days in May to accommodate pick-up of all the pre-ordered geraniums and begonias. It seems that Plantation



Lakes Garden Club is developing quite a reputation for the outstanding quality plants we obtain from a local grower and the competitive prices we offer. This year’s plant sale also included some Mother’s Day gift items that were handmade by our talented members.

An eco-tour of the nearby inland waterways and wetlands by chartered water-taxi in June introduced us to unforgettable “minds-on” and “hands-on” experiences. For many of our members, it was the first time for crabbing, collecting oysters or even seeing the habitat of wildlife, birds and waterfowl. We learned some trivia about how the Fiddler Crab got its name, if the Glossy Ibis is really glossy, where the term “crazy as a loon” came from... and that is just the beginning of the lessons learned from our knowledgeable captain. We highly recommend this eco-tour for your club’s next field trip!

GARDENERS BY THE SEA

Lord Baltimore Elementary School Gardens Clean-up – These gardens were designed and planted by Gardeners by the Sea members several years ago. Thea Chandross, Committee Chair, and her committee members regularly maintain these areas. After weeks of rain delays, the committee was able to finish the cleanup for the gardens by July 10. Those present for the cleanup were Thea Chandross, Pat Drizd, Kathy Houston, Kathy Lesperance, Sallie Melvin, Peggie Ravida, and Audrey Young, Photos of the group below.



Bonsai Tour – On July 13, seven members of Gardeners by the Sea met at Inland Bays Nursery and caravanned to the home and gardens of a local Bonsai expert in the Ocean View area. This gentleman's passion is to create and maintain hundreds of Bonsai plants. Along with the Bonsai, we toured his property and marveled at all that he has done in a very wooded area. Every one of us were delighted with what he showed us and what we gleaned from his conversation, and also from many of the whimsical items throughout the tour. Below are photos of some of the Bonsai and a whimsical boot.

