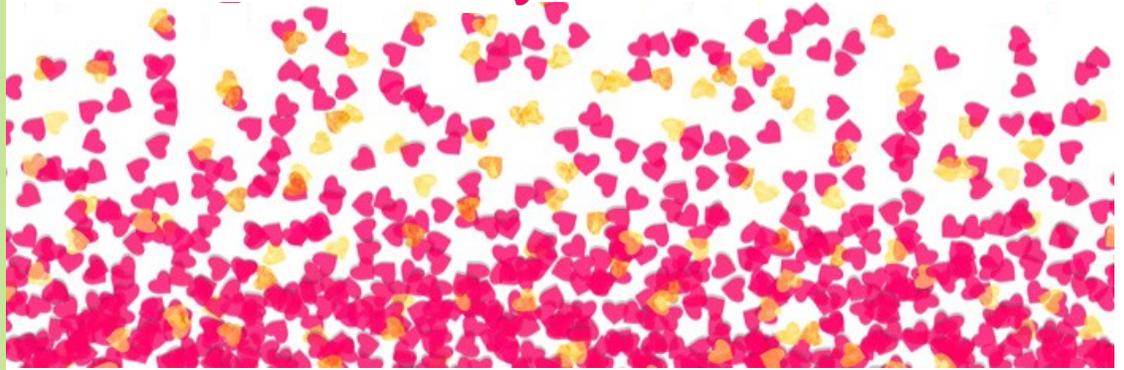


DFGC February 2021 Newsletter



Inside this issue:

President Message	1
First Vice President Message	3
Committee Reports:	4
Horticulture	4
Special Award	4
Membership	5
Newsletter/Publicity	6
DE Judges Council	7
DFGC Website Announcements	7
Club News	8
President's Project	20
TREE-mendous Tree Planting Application	21
Word Search - Flowers	22

President Message

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. Even though we adjusted our usual traditions we were still able to celebrate our many blessings. I believe we should focus on the good moments and try to imagine ways of improving our daily lives. I was looking back at my 2019 purse calendar last week. I was gathering information for a report to CAR-SGC and NGC. Almost every day had an event scheduled. Some days even had 2 events. I have decided that I am not going to return to that full schedule. Quiet time is valuable.



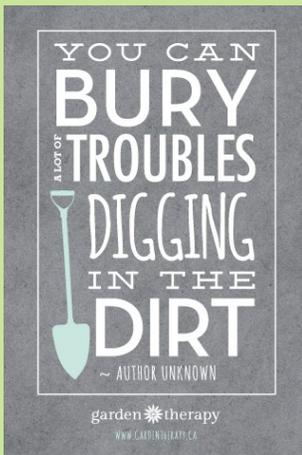
I always find it difficult to “let go” of the holidays. It is so dark at night without the lights. As a solution I hang a lighted heart shape wreath on our front door. Neighbors-especially husbands, appreciate the reminder that Valentine’s Day is coming. The back door features a lighted heart and the remaining Christmas lights brighten the courtyard. It creates a festive mood for dinner each evening. A light snow enhances the scenery.



Inside, an apothecary jar holds a treasured winter display of miniature houses. My dear friend and garden club member, Thelma Taylor creates a new house each year. Thelma’s husband, Bill cuts the miniature houses out of wood and Thelma works her magic with paint.



During the month of January NGC President-elect Mary Warshauer has held Zoom meetings with the state Presidents. Director of CAR-SGC, Gail Corle Manna, has also presided over Zoom meetings. One of the topics of discussion regarded photography. Many members are finding photography to be a great outlet for their



(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

creativity. Seminars, virtual programs, and speakers are giving suggestions and techniques for improving the quality and creativeness of our pictures. Photography is also a popular section under Botanical Arts in flower shows. Mary has served as the liaison to state Presidents for the past two years as our NGC First Vice-President. Even though all of the state garden clubs have been impacted by the pandemic, everyone has continued to move forward. We have learned new skills to enable us to communicate and stay connected. Activities have been very limited but hearing the Presidents exchange ideas has been very inspiring.

Beef Vegetable Soup

<i>1 (46 ounce) bottle tomato juice</i>	<i>2/3 cup chopped onion</i>
<i>46 ounces water</i>	<i>1 tablespoon salt</i>
<i>1 jar (24 ounces) Prego sauce</i>	<i>1 tablespoon sugar</i>
<i>3 to 4 oxtail bones</i>	<i>1 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce</i>
<i>1 to 2 pounds beef cubes (used for stew)</i>	<i>1/2 teaspoon chili powder</i>

Cover, simmer for 2 hours. Remove bones. Add 2 cups chopped celery, 2 cups chopped carrots, 2 cups peas, 3 cups diced boiled potatoes, 1 pound can of corn, 1 pound can green beans, or use frozen mixed vegetables. Simmer 2 more hours and enjoy!

Having more meals at home and cooking more often has me revisiting my recipe box. Cold, snowy days are the perfect time to make a pot of soup. I have been fine tuning my vegetable soup recipe since 2003 and my husband thinks I finally have it perfected. Best of all-it makes enough for multiple meals.

Saturday, March 20, 2021 will be the First day of Spring. Spring brings new beginnings and renewed hope. Last November my husband and I planted 100 yellow daffodils (20 square holes, 5 bulbs per hole) on the berm in our backyard. Since the tornado destroyed our trees and they have not been replaced yet, the daffodils will welcome the season.

Our March 17 DFGC Board meeting will be on Zoom. Our April state meeting will not be held due to the state of emergency that is still in effect. More information will be released after the March board meeting. April's meeting usually features the installation of our new officers. The new officers will begin their term on May 1.

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past 2 years. I want to thank all of the Board members and club Presidents who willingly accepted their positions when asked. I have appreciated all of your support and I have enjoyed working with each of you and getting to know you. I look forward to our state organization becoming vigorous again. I wish each of our incoming officers, board members, and club Presidents a pleasant and successful two year journey.

Thank you again.

Love, Connie



First Vice President Message

DFGC Programs 2021

As First Vice President of the DFGC one of my responsibilities was to arrange programs for the DFGC state meetings. There have not been any meetings due to the Covid-19 Virus and there are no meetings currently scheduled. So....I'm going to direct you to two wonderful, enjoyable program sites.

Longwood Gardens:

The videos on the site are available any time you choose to view them. Some are less than 2 minutes.

Timing is noted on each You-Tube video. Go to the Longwood Gardens site:

www.Longwoodgardens.org

Click on Events and Performances

Then Click on Tours.

Some of the available You-Tube videos include:

Flying through the Longwood Christmas Light display via a Drone

Flying through the summer display via a Drone

Highlights of the Chrysanthemum display with Jim Sutton Display designer

Holiday plant tours 1 and 2 with Karl Gercens Conservatory Manager

Wonderful Wisteria

It's Tulip Time with Roger Davis

There are many more tours available and also some concerts for your listening pleasure. Enjoy!!

Delaware Master Gardeners:

The Delaware Master Gardeners are offering **Free** workshops via zoom. You must register for each workshop. The zoom login information will be provided to registered participants prior to the workshop.

Pre-registration is required. Please go to www.udel.edu/007938 to register. An email to participants will be sent out with a zoom link/phone number prior to the scheduled workshop. Workshops available include:

Tuesday, February 9, 1:00 p.m. Honeybee Challenge. The 4-H Honeybee Challenge focuses on a critical component—honeybees—to growing food and feeding the world. Approximately one in every three bites we eat is the result of these pollinators at work. Learn more facts about Honeybees.

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. Vegetable Gardening Techniques. Master Gardeners Ana Dittel and Linda Peters will talk about the needs of a productive vegetable garden, including sun, water, nutrients and the garden layout. They will also cover selecting, planting, and growing your vegetables.

Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. Worms Eat My Garbage! Master Gardeners Judy Pfister and Marion Reedy will present a workshop about vermiculture or composting with worms and the many uses for the compost. You will learn about homemade worm bins and how to maintain them and harvest your Gardeners Gold.

Tuesday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. The Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners Linda Peters and Suzanne Rowland will present a talk on the master gardener program. They will talk about Who the Master Gardeners Are, the Master Gardener Training Program, volunteer opportunities and the application process. Come just for information about the Master Gardeners or come if you want to explore the Program to see if it is a good fit for you.

Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. A Virtual Walk through the Woodland Trail. Master Gardener Brent Marsh will lead the group along a trail through the woods. The trail invites attendees to enjoy the woods and

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

learn interesting things about trees, soil, and the residents of the woods.

Tuesday, May 18 6:30 p.m. Caterpillars to Butterflies. Master Gardener Marie Fletcher raises caterpillars that turn into butterflies. It's easier than you think. All you need is a caterpillar, some of its favored food, and a suitable container. Marie will share her techniques and experiences.

For more information search for Delaware Master Gardeners Workshops.

Hope you enjoy a tour or a workshop if you choose.

Take care and stay safe! Spring is on its way!

Barbara DeRue, First Vice President

Horticulture

I guess we are still not getting together much yet. That should give us more time for our gardens, but NOT for cleaning them up to be super tidy. That is if you want butterflies, bees, and other support staff from nature next spring and summer.

When you do away with all the dead leaves, stems and plant debris in your garden; the sounds, help, and color of pollinators and other helpful insects will be greatly diminished next season. Our natural helpers spend their winters in plant stems or other crevasses, in bare soil, and among dead leaves to survive. This will give them more places to form eggs, juveniles, or adults.

TOO TIDY - TOO FEW SURVIVE!

You can clean the front part of your area, if need be, but leave some part as Mom Nature does in her wild fields and woods until spring. Give the pollinators and other insect friends a better chance to get to next season. We all thank you!

Margie Huntzinger, Horticulture Chair

Blue Ribbon Good News

Back in June I entered the PHS (Philadelphia Horticulture Society) Indoor/Outdoor Virtual Garden contest. Applicants could enter up to 10 pictures of an area in your home featuring a minimum of 8 houseplants. This is my "Orchids in the Window" entry and the other pictures were individual photos of each flower. The judges feedback for my winning Blue Ribbon was very favorable. They just loved the air plants that look like jellyfish dancing in the window! As you can see, all photos were taken by my favorite photographer.



Submitted by Lisa Arni. Former DFGC President

Membership

When I first accepted the role of Membership Chair for the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs nearly four years ago, I knew we needed to be more open to new members, willing to change and adapt to appeal to the next generation of gardeners and environmentalists. At that time, we could never have imagined the changes that the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-2021 would bring to our world – and to our Garden Clubs! The good news is that gardening was not cancelled! Many of us will remember 2020 as THE year we reimagined our gardens, found great pleasure in nature's beauty, and nurtured house plants!

How has your Garden Club thrived this year?

- How have you retained your members?
- Have you used social media to attract new members?
- Has your Club met by Zoom or other online meeting tools?
- What creative ways did you find to safely implement your favorite community projects?
- Did you offer online programs, classes and virtual garden tours?



On the right: my club web chair shared these cute pups on Facebook!

Audio Only. With Video. Can you relate?

Years and years ago, when email was first introduced to corporate America, I received this t-shirt pictured on the left. I kept it – and now find the message as appropriate today as it was then. (Surely, I was not an “old” dog then!)



Members Matter Most! ACTIVE members are the key to our success!

DFGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is an appropriate, appreciated, and affordable way for a local club and DFGC to say "Thank You" to a club founder, an out-going president or a hard-working volunteer. The one-time \$50 membership fee helps to fund the DFGC Scholarship Program.



Who will be added this year?

For more information about DFGC Life Membership, please email Membership Chair Alva Hutchison abhutchison47@gmail.com

Alva Hutchison
Membership Chair

Many of our Clubs have had administrative changes during this past year. Not only new Presidents but Publicity Chairs as well. Sometimes the Newsletter Guidelines are passed on but sometimes they are not so I thought this may be a good time to see that all Clubs have this information for future issues.

If any changes have occurred, please e-mail me your new information.

Guidelines for Articles Submitted for Inclusion into the DFGC Newsletter



Photos and images should be in .jpg format.

Please insert the photos in their proper place in the article. If you are not able to do so, please let it be known where they are to appear.

Submitted articles should be created in either MS Word, MS Publisher or as an Adobe PDF file.

Format: Arial font - size 12 - single spaced.

Garden Club articles are limited to one page.

Officer and Committee reports or articles are not limited in size.

The newsletter will be created in MS Publisher but it will be distributed in Adobe PDF format by the DFGC President via e-mail to all Club Presidents.

Please submit articles to Judy Dayhoff at judy@dayhoff.org before each deadline.
Questions? Phone: (302) 988-2061

Deadline Dates: February 1st - May 1st - September 1st
Publish Dates: February 15th - May 15th - September 15th

**The editor reserves the right to make editorial changes but the content will not be changed.

Judy Dayhoff
Newsletter Editor

Delaware Judges Council

JUDGES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ENDEAVOR AWARD WINNERS

Each year, the Delaware Flower Show Judges Council presents the Endeavor Award to a club that held an outstanding Flower Show scoring 90 or higher in the show evaluation. Due to the cancellation of our DFGC meetings the presentation was unable to be given out in June as usual. The Council voted to present **two** very deserving clubs with this award this year because of their high and very close scores for their Standard Flower Shows held in 2019.

The following clubs will each receive a DFSJC award certificate and check for \$50:

- Brandywine Garden Club for "Lovely as a Tree" held on May 15, 2019
- Spade & Trowel Garden Club for "The Birds and the Bees" held on June 27, 2019.

Congratulations!

NGC Flower shows come in all sizes and types. There is one just right for every club no matter how small or inexperienced. The cost and staging of a flower show can be very minimal. The Delaware Flower Show Judges Council is ready to help clubs get started, even during this pandemic, in developing a flower show schedule and educating club members through workshops about horticulture and design. This whole mentoring process is fun, educational and will help to get your club back into the swing of things after this long period of inactivity.

Please email Dottie Howatt, dehowatt@aol.com or Betty Kramarck kramarea@msn.com for more information.

DFGC Website Announcements

If you haven't visited the MEMBERS area of the DFGC website lately, you may not be aware of these and other recent announcements...

- The DFGC meeting usually held in April has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- The 2021 CAR-SGC Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, hosted by The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, has been postponed until 2022.
- Incoming NGC President Mary Warshauer recently announced that PLANT AMERICA - PLAY OUTDOORS will be the NGC theme for 2021-2023.



Delaware Garden Clubs

The Official Website for Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC)

[CONTACT](#)

[HOME](#) [ABOUT](#) [JOIN](#) [PROJECTS](#) [RESOURCES](#) [SCHOLARSHIPS](#) [MEMBERS](#)

DFGC Members



[Announcements](#) [Calendar](#) [Clubs](#) [Committees](#) [Forms](#) [Judges Council](#) [Officers](#) © Ken Arni

Visit DelawareGardenClubs.org for announcements and other information that you and your club can use in conducting garden club business. (Password: DFGC-3210)



BAREFOOT GARDENERS



Despite early setbacks with Covid-19, our club was able to finish out our year by contributing to the beautification of our community and its members. All that the members did, gave a sense of joy and happiness to the season.



On November 14th, 15 club members gathered to make 60 individual sized fall foliage arrangements for all residents at Brandywine Assisted Living Facility in Selbyville, DE. The management at Brandywine was so thrilled with the beauty that those arrangements brought to everyone there, they asked us to make the centerpieces for their Thanksgiving Dinner.



So... on November 24th, 10 club members again gathered in a members garage to make another 25 centerpieces using red and white roses. Making these arrangements for those who are in basic isolation bought pure sense of the joy to us by giving.



In early December, several members gathered to bring further joy to the seaside town of Fenwick Island. Members collected seasonal greenery, bows and garnishments and the owners of Sea Shell City donated 27 Starfish that finished off the adornments in the Blue Star Memorial Garden and 11 Pots that line Coastal Highway in Fenwick Island.



Then because of several dedicated club members' efforts in helping with the further beautification of the Delaware Botanic Gardens in Dagsboro, DE, our Club was awarded First Place for Civic Development and Improvement Award from CAR-SGC, along with a check for \$100.00. So this late in the season, Barefoot Gardeners were not only overjoyed with giving but receiving too.

Happy Gardening!



BRANDYWINE GARDEN CLUB



Here we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, but Brandywine Garden Club has managed to keep some form of interest going among its members. While social distancing, we continued to maintain the Children’s Garden behind the Brandywine Library and were able to hold our October 2020 meeting there. We welcomed a new member and actually got to meet her in person. The program was prepared by three of our members, and they presented different methods of keeping a garden journal with examples and suggestions.



Brandywine Library Garden

In November, several of us met at “Second Chances Farm” arranged by one of our members for a visit and a talk by Ajit George on how he developed this program with help from others to help convicted felons (carefully selected) to obtain knowledge of plants and how to run one of these farms while enabling them to have a second chance at life (hence the name). This would enable them to show they have a skill and have had employment with benefits so that they could go on to other positions in their future. They raise greens indoors from seedlings to harvest. We took a guided tour afterwards. If interested contact Karen Batt, President of the club, for more information.



Tour of Second Chances Farm



Second Chances Indoor Farm

December meeting on Zoom was to view a set of video garden tours of the world, decorated for the holidays, prepared by two of our members. Recently we held our January meeting and program on Zoom and Elaine Schmerling of Arden, DE gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Spotted Lantern Flies” and how to spot, treat and/or trap them using tulle netting. One helpful hint given was to take a hand-mirror and survey your rocks and trees, deck, and vehicle, etc. to look for hidden egg cases **now**. This is the time to do it and scrape any found off into a bucket of water with Dawn© dishwashing liquid in it or douse with some alcohol.

In recent weeks we were surprised to receive two awards from our past Flower Show of May 15, 2019. We received \$25.00 for Carol Callaghan’s wonderful schedule and \$50.00 for the Delaware Judges Council Endeavor Award for an Outstanding Flower Show “Lovely As A Tree”. All of our club members participated and put a lot of effort into preparing for this show which had 24 designs in it. Quite a feat for a small club. The members were all delighted to have their efforts rewarded. Hopefully we can plan a new one soon.



COASTAL GARDENERS

We have been having monthly zoom meetings averaging 10-12 members attending and 3 guests. In October we had Jeremy Hager, an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, answer questions submitted by our members on caring for trees and shrubs. It was a great discussion with lots of good information

In November two of our members coordinated a virtual tour of two of the country's top ten Botanical Gardens. Two YouTube videos were used to present the holiday light displays at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. Quite beautiful

Our December meeting we had a lively game to get to know each other better since our in person meetings have stopped. We certainly miss our in person meetings!

In January we had a wonderful presentation from Gregg Tepper, the former Director of Horticulture at Delaware Botanical Garden. He did a presentation of a program called "The Sensory Appeal of Native Plants". It helped us all appreciate using all 5 senses when we are out walking or in our gardens.

~CONTINUING PROJECTS~



We did a fundraiser of selling wreaths for the holidays and donated a wreath to the Ocean View Cheer Center.



We donated gift bags to Roxanna Cheer Center to be given to seniors with their Christmas dinners.



Tower Road Ocean Side Entrance Beautification



Dagsboro Town Hall Holiday Planters



Adopt A Highway Project



GARDEN GATE GARDEN CLUB

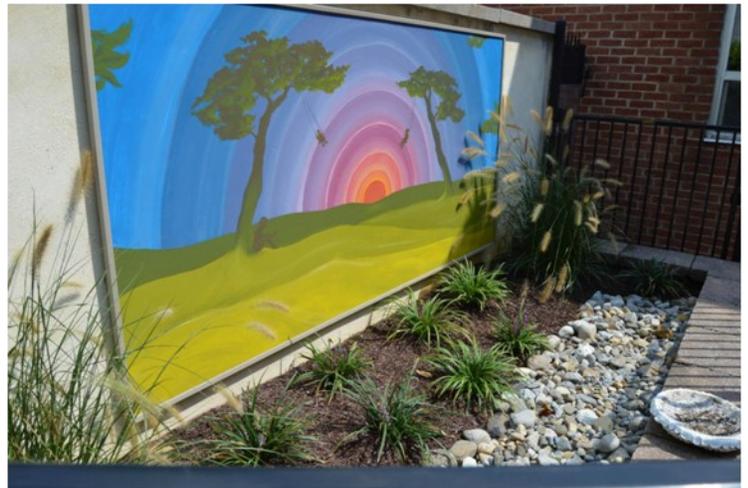


It has been a different year for us but we are doing our best to keep our club connected. GGGC has been holding meetings via zoom and continue to work on projects. Here are a few highlights for the club:

CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award Winner is Alice Witterholt:

Alice Witterholt was awarded the CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award. We congratulate Alice on her many garden club achievements and a well-deserved award. Alice has been an active member of GGGC since 1966 and has been President of the club twice over the years. She initiated the GGGC project to install the Blue Star Marker wreath on Memorial and Veterans Days at the VA Hospital. One of Alice's most significant contributions was the dedication, fundraising and determination to create a Memorial Garden for the Center of the Families of the Fallen at Dover Air Force Base. This garden was dedicated in 2011 and continues to provide solace and healing to the grieving families of fallen soldiers. She is also a NGC Master Judge who has judged many flower shows including the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Well Done Alice!!!



St. Michael's School and Nursery Garden and Mural Project:

This fall, Lee Kallos took the lead on a GGGC project to beautify the outdoor play courtyard for the toddlers at St. Michael's School. Lee arranged to have a local artist, Sam Arabia, paint a mural for the space. The mural provides a wonderful focal point to the garden and helps soften the walls surrounding the play area. GGGC also installed a small, low maintenance garden in front of the mural to add even more interest to the play area. The children and staff at St. Michael's are thrilled with the new addition to the school.

Gardeners by the Sea is growing!

In spite of all of the changes and limitations this year brings, we continue to meet by Zoom with outstanding programs and online learning. Our members found innovative ways to implement most of our community projects.



Since May, we have welcomed 13 new members!

Kudos to Membership Chair, Karen Plis and the committee for all of their work to keep our newest members connected!

Active Members are the Key to Success!



To make **Coastal Cleanup** safe in 2020, it became a month-long event in September which allowed our club members to participate in new ways. Members took a stretch along Rt 1 in South Bethany to gather trash and clean up. In addition, all members were encouraged to “Keep DE Litter Free”.



Another favorite project is providing plants for a

Habitat for Humanity House. In November, members cleaned up the garden at **Lord Baltimore School Elementary School**. Pat Drizd and our Youth committee are continuing their educational project with second graders at Lord Baltimore Elementary School, providing packets each month for the teachers and students.



Horticulture Chair, Pat Drizd, presented about Gourds for our **Horticulture Moment** in October and challenged members to make arrangements using gourds to share online at our November meeting. Many members participated! Some arrangements used gourds as containers (such as Sandra Lopez), some featured in the design (such as Lisa Arni's creative design far left, using loofa). Some were for inside, some were porch designs (such as Kathy Lesperance).



Hospice Tree - Decorating a tree for Hospice of Delaware's Festival of Trees has always been a favorite activity for our club members. This year the chairs Judy Stuhl and Brenda Wimperis established the theme of Home, Safe Home symbolic of staying safe at home during this holiday season. Committee picked up ornament kits, crafted at home and delivered back. A few members decorated the tree at the Hospice Center. It was a great success!

December brought many activities. Some members gathered for a safe holiday lunch at Victoria's while others met by Zoom. All were eligible for the annual poinsettia door prize! Some enjoyed a Wreath workshop at East Coast Garden Center. One of our newest members, Steve Zimmerman, helped us with holiday decorations and shared his video of how to make a bow! Thank you Steve!



We are excited to start a new Community Project to support the Ocean View Historical Society. New landscaping was installed on December 8th near the Hall Store. Our member Martha Gallagher is also a member of the Board of OVHS and offered this opportunity to plant in the Village. We chose Delaware's American hollies among other shrubs. This spring we plan to add perennials to the garden. We will plant this part of the garden in memory of one of our members.



MIDDLETOWN-ODESSA GARDEN CLUB

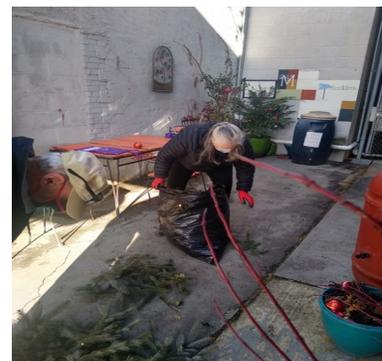


Happy New Year from our Club to yours. Our Club continues to have monthly Zoom meetings including guest speakers and continue to keep our members informed of conservation efforts and community engagement. We are looking forward to getting our hands dirty in a few short months

Although this year's Christmas in Odessa was vastly different from past years, our members still safely gathered together to make wreaths to adorn the homes in Odessa. Our December Zoom meeting also was a show and tell lesson on how to make those gorgeous wreaths. Our talented members went above and beyond as always and are more than eager to showcase their craft.



In the fall and continuing into the winter, members were able to come help maintain the Native Gardens at the Corbit Calloway Memorial Library, Middletown's Pocket Park, the historical Corbit Sharp Gardens in Odessa and Cochran Square in Middletown. As always, we are grateful to all who participated and continue to do so.



Our Committee Chairs are always keeping us abreast of local initiatives including recycling programs, clean water programs, upcoming legislature and more. Our Chairs also keep members current on our nearby parks and local organizations and ways to volunteer your time. Our Club isn't able to meet in person during these times but that doesn't stop us from enjoying our surroundings and all that Delaware has to offer.

MILFORD GARDEN CLUB

This fall season we have tried to continue as a Garden Club, as much as possible, with outdoor and then indoor, Covid-spaced meetings thanks to the facilities and generosity of our local Moose Lodge. We had member led programs. They included “Fall Gardening” by Linda Peters, “How to Display Plants at a Flower Show” by Barbara DeRue and Susan Newark, “Making Colonial Period Christmas Decorations” by Holly Heverly and Margie Huntzinger, and “How to Assemble a Small Holiday Design Workshop” by Cyndy Born. Unfortunately, meetings are now suspended.

We have managed to continue with several of our Community Projects despite required modifications and limitations. One of the gardens at our Senior Center has been reworked as an all-natives, educational garden by our group that care for the downtown gardens. Many of the proposed plants have been planted, but additions will be added as specific plants become available. We hope this can grow into a future Youth project. This new garden is being endowed in part in memory of Madaleine Polhemus.

At the Delaware Veterans Home in early November a crew of MGC members cleaned the containers around the front patio and portico. Then we filled them all with bright yellow pansies for the winter and spring. We planted cold hardy vegetable seeds in their grow boxes.



Leading into the holidays, members pruned and prepped greens from their gardens to be part of the colonial period Christmas decorations for our historic Parson Thorne Mansion (Silver Hill). Dense roping of varied greens was crafted by our ladies for the three front doors. A matching handmade wreath adorned each entry. The centerpiece of the decoration was a colonial Christmas fruit board designed and crafted for the pediment over the primary doorway.



At the workshop led by Cyndy Born during our December meeting many hands went in to making lovely holiday arrangements for residents and staff of our local Genesis facility. Several times a year, members typically go to Genesis and have horticultural therapy with the residents, but this activity is currently not permitted. After the meeting all the arrangements were delivered to the facility with many a ‘ooh’, ‘aah’ and ‘Thank you’. Also, leading up to the holidays a small group that often works with the Senior Center throughout the year set up a live Poinsettia Tree with decorations as part of our Community Outreach Program.

Margie Huntzinger, MGC President



Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker & Garden

Plantation Lakes Garden Club members Peggy Kircher, Brenda Joyce, Jan Pallas-Dudley and Joan Conrad were among the eight members volunteering at the site of the Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker and Garden on Saturday, December 4.

They wrapped up the job of amending the soil for spring planting that was begun on November 20 by several other garden club members.



Dedication of the memorial and garden is expected to take place on June 8, with a rain date of June 10, at the Plantation Lakes Community Center, 29787 Plantation Lakes Boulevard in Millsboro. This is a joint project with the Homeowners Association, who recently installed a flag pole that is included in the garden layout.

Creative Leadership Keeps PLGC Members in Touch and Active

PLGC’s first Zoom meeting, January 6, featured the planned program of “Focus on Butterflies”. Judy Pfister, Master Gardener and awesome educator, delivered the program, which was well received by members. President Debbie Darr has been keeping us informed and in touch with one another with weekly emails, encouragement, and suggested gardening or nature resources. Plans for in-person meetings will continue to stay flexible to accommodate Covid restrictions.

Atlantic Shores Health & Rehab Center

Our hearts (literally and figuratively) continue to go out to the patients at Atlantic Shores while the facility continues visitation restrictions. Previous Valentine’s Days have been celebrated with a floral design project for interested residents, giving them something bright and cheerful to take back to their rooms. This year PLGC members will create 160 hand made Valentine Cards, a well orchestrated craft project which can be completed at home, individually or with a friend.



Veterans Day Arrangements

Previous November PLGC meetings have been dedicated to creating small floral arrangements for Veterans at Atlantic Shores and other nearby facilities. But this year things changed, and we celebrated Veterans Day with two lovely red, white, and blue arrangements made by Brenda Joyce and Jan Pallas-Dudley. They delivered one to Atlantic Shores for the entrance desk, and one to The Landing Restaurant at Plantation Lakes, in honor of those who served in the military. Many thanks to Jan and Brenda for finding a new way to thank our veterans!



POTPOURRI GARDEN CLUB



Members of Potpourri met to decorate the John Dickinson Plantation on December 6th for the holiday season outdoors on the south side of the house. Those who volunteered on a bright but windy day, were Joanne Brighton, Diane Crom and Debbie Rouse. The landscape crew from Historical and Cultural Affairs provided most of the greens and some additional ones were harvested on site. Seven south facing window sills were decorated with pineapples and greens, the large front door and entrance benches were decorated with swags and the porch decorated with many magnolia and pine boughs.



The John Dickinson Plantation known as Poplar Hall, was built in 1740



Diane Crom preparing the greens and making red bows

Joanne Brighton getting started on the window sills



The Bench Swags

A Decorated Cart

The Door Swag

DOVER PLACE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



John Tuck-Fall Flower Arrangement - "Day of the Dead Pumpkin" created by Diane Crom, Submitted for the Halloween Hoopla 9th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Nancy Reihm's Ornaments for the Recycling Christmas Tree at Dover Place.



Fall and Winter Activities

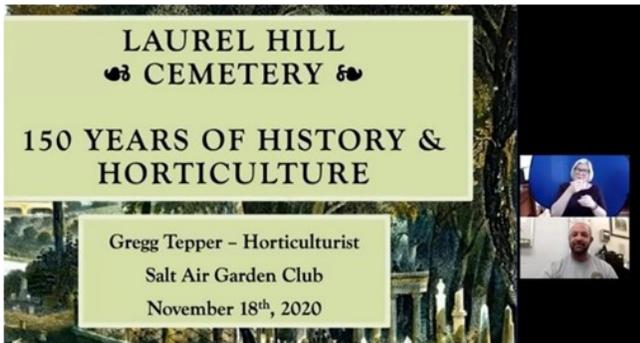
The Salt Air Gardeners (SAG) were busy in the fall weeding, pruning, dividing, planting, and preparing all our community garden projects for the winter.

Stop by the Indian River Life-Saving Station and the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce to see our native gardens.

Many of our activities were focused on ways to bring cheer and engage people. We launched a successful program “Leave a Plant, Take a Plant” in partnership with the Bay Forest community Herb Garden committee.

Follow our Facebook page @SaltAirGardeners to learn more about our other activities.

Engaging Speaker Program and Outreach to Deaf Community



Our November meeting included a zoom lecture by Laurel Hill Cemetery Horticulturist and Author Gregg Tepper. Gregg shared with us the rich history and unique horticulture of our nation’s second oldest Landscaped Rural Cemetery. Located in Philadelphia, Laurel Hill is a certified level II Arboretum.

We invited several members of our local deaf community and included a sign language interpreter on the zoom meeting so more people could enjoy the presentation.

Creative Way to Bring Joy to Residents



Thanks to Dianna Boehm, SAG was able to bring some joy to residents at Brandywine Living at Fenwick Island by creating a photo booth frame. The frame was attached to a walker they could lean on, to take a special photo to send to their loved ones. SAG

also donated funds for the photos and stamps and a lovely card they could include. Brandywine said 78 residents participated and there are plans to use the photo booth for other holidays.

Delaware Hospice Tree



Our members created a beautiful tree in silver, blue and white with a Starry, Starry Night theme. It was donated to a safe house for women escaping domestic violence.



SPADE & TROWEL GARDEN CLUB

Despite corona virus and the inability to hold regular meetings, the Spade & Trowel Garden Club of Seaford decided to hold two of its major fundraisers in late 2020. Pecans were ordered from the first harvest by Mascot Pecan Company in Georgia and offered for sale to members only. We quickly sold out of 192 bags which were distributed safely by masked volunteers.

Wreaths, centerpieces, swags and cemetery mounds were offered by word of mouth to past customers only and orders were about the same as in past years. These decorations were created in record time at the Ross Station in Seaford where workers had plenty of room to socially distance. Volunteers brought their own lunches rather than sit down together for a shared meal.

The Board was delighted to learn that the club received the “Endeavor Award” for outstanding flower show from the Delaware Judges Council for our “Birds and Bees” Flower Show held in June 2019. This award also included a check for \$50.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, the club will not schedule a bus trip to the delayed Philadelphia Flower Show. Members may decide to attend on their own.

There will be no meetings in February or March. The board will meet again in April to consider an outdoor meeting in May or June. Meanwhile, a monthly newsletter will be created and distributed to help maintain interest in the club.

The club will continue its civic beautification project this spring by replanting the hanging baskets on the bridge near the hospital and inviting businesses downtown to have a container planted at their doorway.

Members will be invited to a club-exclusive opportunity to purchase quality plants from Harvest Drive Greenhouses in East New Market, Md., on April 29. A portion of the sales will be donated back to the club.

The club’s environmental conservation committee chair, Dotty Mears, has been busy with her camera this winter. She has seen many tundra swans in flooded farm fields and shared the photo below of 15 eagles in one field.



This photograph was taken at 6:35 on January 30th on a farm road as dusk was approaching. Photographer Dotty Mears said she dared not go any closer for fear that the lot of them would take flight. She counted 15 eagles. Dotty is the Spade & Trowel Club’s Environmental Conservation committee chair.



SUSSEX GARDENERS



Zwaanendael Museum was decorated by a team of Sussex Gardeners to welcome guests during the 2020 Holiday Season. Based on the theme, *Lighting the Way*, plant material and holiday objects were installed outdoor to showcase various sources of light. Floral decor inside the Museum was limited due to the pandemic. Dianne Shawley, Chair and committee continue to amaze! Our local paper, the Cape Gazette covered the event.



Members Judith Pinsdorf & Marty Last share creative pieces made to please the senses.



Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

“Dedicated to Delaware”

President's Project 2019-2021

Garden Clubs Creating Gardens!

Our members have the opportunity to develop the first public, free admission Children's Garden in Delaware! Our children are our future club members and the stewards of our world. Let's create a place where they can explore their world and let their imaginations soar!

Attracting new members is vital to our future. 2500 visitors tour the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center in Dover each month. Our Federation will have a visual presence in the Welcome Center Garden. Contact information will be available at a kiosk telling visitors about our Federation and how they may become members.

Please support these exciting garden projects! We are asking each club to contribute their ideas, time, and funds to make these gardens a success! We will be purchasing native plants and some annuals for additional color. Accessories for the children's garden may include benches, butterfly houses, stepping stones, and various items to enhance the garden. These gardens will be an ongoing project from July, 2019 through June, 2021. To begin the project I am asking each club to donate \$5 per member by September 30, 2019.. After the initial startup the clubs may make donations for specific items. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Club Name _____

Mailing address _____

Donation Amount _____

Submitted by (name of individual) _____ Date _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Please make your check payable to **DFGC** and note on the lower left corner of the check which project you prefer. Please send your check and this form by September 30, 2019 to:

Connie Raymond, DFGC President
111 Pennwood Drive
Dover, DE 19901

Thank you for your generous support.



DELAWARE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
**TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting
 at Delaware Botanic Gardens**



When you donate \$100 to Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC) in support of **TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens**, you will receive a certificate "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone you designate. 100% of your donation will go toward flowering tree plantings in the Woodland Garden.

Please complete this form and mail it with your donation, made payable to Delaware Botanic Gardens, in the amount of \$100 (or more in increments of \$100). You may request an additional certificate for each additional \$100 donation.

SEND TO:
 DFGC c/o Lisa Arn
 35548 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE 19944

 Date

_____	_____
Name of Donor and/or Garden Club	Amount

 Mailing Address or Garden Club of Donor

_____	_____
Email Address of Donor	Phone Number of Donor

_____	_____
Name "In Honor of"	Name "In Memory of"

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs thanks you for your donation to TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek.

Certificates are distributed at our DFGC State meetings. You may request that your certificate be mailed to you.

Requested Date for Certificate: _____ (must be at least 10 days from receipt of donation)

WORD SEARCH - FLOWERS

F	B	A	S	T	E	R	D	I	H	C	R	O
T	S	N	A	E	G	N	A	R	D	Y	H	P
Z	W	N	O	L	I	L	Y	I	T	P	Y	J
P	E	L	A	T	Y	Z	P	S	O	T	A	O
L	E	L	T	P	F	E	S	T	R	J	C	P
I	T	P	S	F	D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L
A	P	L	I	D	P	R	T	S	S	O	N	A
T	E	L	O	I	V	P	A	D	E	T	T	R
R	A	A	R	E	B	R	E	G	J	W	H	K
I	W	P	D	P	I	L	U	T	O	L	K	S
S	T	C	A	R	N	A	T	I	O	N	Z	P
D	R	N	I	P	R	I	M	R	O	S	E	U
O	S	J	S	S	U	N	F	L	O	W	E	R
Y	W	X	Y	J	D	L	O	G	I	R	A	M

January Flower of the Month
 April Flower of the Month
 September Flower of the Month
 Spring Bulb (i.e. Parrot)
 Represent Innocence
 Thoughtfulness, Remembrance
 Type of Large Daisy
 Traditional Easter Flower
 March Flower of the Month
 July Flower of the Month
 Down the _____ Path

February Flower of the Month
 June Flower of the Month
 October Flower of the Month
 Spring Bulb with Sweet Fragrance
 Fleur de lis
 Spikey Flower - Purple or White
 Mop Heads, Lace Caps
 Produces Vanilla Beans
 Produces Edible Seeds
 Flowers that Resemble a Dragon