

CAR Review



Gail Corle Manna, Director



From Our Director:

I am hoping this newsletter finds you healthy, enjoying the fall colors and getting your gardens and flower beds ready for winter. This is such a wonderful time of year to look at your beds with new eyes and decide what to change for next year. That is the joy and wonder of gardening; the ever changing aspect of color, texture and the design abilities that we as gardeners have at our fingertips, or should I say, shovels. We look forward to the long dark days of winter to rethink our gardens, plan change and anticipate the regrowth and beauty of spring. I cannot wait for all those seed and plant catalogues to arrive, so I can choose new and exciting additions for my gardens. Oh, the joys of winter through the eyes of a gardener.....

I cannot tell you how proud I am of all our clubs and members and how they have stepped up and handled club meetings and events during these crazy times. Many of us old dogs have learned many new tricks, one of which was how to Zoom. Who would have thought we would be able to have meetings, schools, flower shows and other programmed events virtually, thus keeping our membership connected, when face-to-face was not in our best interest? Even though many of our scheduled events were either cancelled or postponed, you managed to stay connected and for that I commend all of you.

There have been many new ideas to keep us motivated and still make strides to inform the public of just who we are. Here is one of the great ideas I heard and want to share:

Since Garden Therapy in the nursing homes had to be stopped, some clubs decided to make live floral designs and take them to locations of First Responders, Doctor's Offices, Hospitals, Fire Stations, Police Stations, Schools/Teachers, etc. Another club did the same idea with bags of sachet from dried plant materials from their gardens. The arrangements or sachets were delivered with a

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tag stating: "Thanks for all you do for our community" and gave the Club's name and contact info. The receivers were very grateful and the Clubs even got a couple new members for these innovative endeavors.

Isn't this a great way to stay in the face of the public and still continue with Club activities? Congratulations!

As you can see there are ways to stay connected. You must think out of the "box".

I also want to thank everyone who took part in the Blooming Zoom Festival. It was a huge success, with over 164 participating, and did great strides to sustain our Region's Scholarship Fund, as we went well over our goal of 100 participants. It turned out to be even more fun and educational than anticipated. Plus, it was just wonderful to see all those smiling faces again.

None of us know what the next several months will hand us in terms of Covid, but continue to stay focused and plan your events accordingly. Remember you can plan smaller socially distanced gatherings or total Zoom events. Or combine both, do Zoom at the same time as a face to face gathering and draw in the members who still do not want to gather in person. Zoom is a great way to bring people in who would normally not come to any face to face event.

We have to realize this may be the new "Normal" for a while. So think out of the "Box", be creative and always remember:

**WE ARE-----7 TOGETHER----Planting America
and
7 Together is always stronger than 1 alone.**

A Happy Safe Holiday Season to All. Please remember I am here if anyone needs help with any issue large or small.

*Gail Corle Manna, Director,
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.*

**CAR-SGC DIRECTOR AND
ALTERNATE FOR 2021-2023**

It is my pleasure to inform the CAR-SGC Membership of the new Director and Alternate for the 2021-2023 upcoming term. Normally, they would be introduced at our Fall Conference. Since that has been cancelled, they were introduced on the Blooming Zoom Festival, but I would like to officially introduce them in this Newsletter, which goes out to our membership.

The new Director and Alternate are coming from the great State of Ohio and have been officially approved by the governing body of that State.

They are:

Bette Cookendorfer, Director

Mary Lou Smith, Alternate Director

They will be sworn in during the NGC Convention next May and take office at that time. I know the NGC in-person Convention has been cancelled, but NGC is working on an alternative meeting.

Please join me in congratulating our Director and Alternate Director Elect.

Bette and Mary Lou

We are in great hands with these two talented leaders.

Respectfully,

Gail Corle Manna, CAR-SGC Director 2019-2021

From Our States:

Delaware



Connie Raymond

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs has recently incorporated in the State of Delaware. We are now Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Acquiring this status provides an additional level of financial protection for our organization.

Our Board decided in July to produce a September newsletter for our membership. We were concerned about the number of articles and photos we might receive. Wow! We were pleasantly surprised. Our Delaware clubs have remained active and shared their many activities with us.

Our Horticulture Chairman, Margie Huntzinger, recommends her favorite website, *joegardener.com*, as a good go-to site for entertainment and learning.

Our Membership Chairman, Alva Hutchison, has received numerous inquiries on our website. Potential members supply contact information and Alva forwards the information to a club or clubs near the potential member's home. We have an opportunity to welcome interested new members. To retain our current members, our clubs are staying connected through zoom meetings and emails and phone calls.

Our Scholarship Chairman, Elva Davidson, is happy to report that our 2017 and 2018 scholarship recipient as well as a NGC winner both years, Mark Meloni, has graduated and is employed as an Environmental Control Tech with Delaware Public Health Laboratory.

Our past DFGC President, Lisa Arni, was recognized by the Philadelphia Horticulture Society. Her photo of her "Old World Style Pollinator Garden" won a blue ribbon in their Outdoor Garden virtual garden contest.

Elaine Pataky, Delaware Judges Council Chairman, reported that designs created by 5 of our judges were selected for the 2021 Vision of Beauty Calendar. Congratulations to Joy Ericson, Dottie Howatt, Marty Rushlow, Alice Witterholt, and Connie Raymond.

Delaware Center for Horticulture Chairman, Marybeth Johns, is happy to say that the organization continues to provide valuable opportunities for gardeners to visit local gardens through a series of "Garden Walks".



Acuba cuttings from Connie Raymond

Barefoot Gardeners-presented 2 scholarships and maintained container gardens for their town, and organized a virtual flower arranging class

Brandywine Garden Club-maintained their Children's Garden at the library, have enhanced growing space for the Short Term Ministry Housing project

Coastal Gardeners-performed their Adopt A Highway project, landscaped the entrance to Tower Road State Park, oceanside, and the Dagsboro Town Hall

Countryside Garden Club-conducted an outside workshop on Kokedama (moss ball)

Garden Club of Wilmington-holding committee meetings, fall flower show, fall photography show, and workshops virtually

Garden Gate Garden Club-hosted a two day tour of members gardens followed by an outdoor meal

Gardeners by the Sea-planted a new herb garden as their newest Community Project, planning a workshop to make wreaths for the holiday season, planning a plant sale and garden tour in the spring

Middletown-Odessa Garden Club-continue to maintain the Native Garden at the library, the

historical Corbit Sharp Gardens and the Cochran Square garden, continued their “Crop Swap” through the summer

Milford Garden Club-provided container gardens for the Delaware Veterans Home, maintained gardens at the Milford Senior Center and the Riverfront Theater, held an outside informal garden social in a member’s backyard

Plantation Lakes Garden Club-provided instructions on their website to create May baskets, planning has begun to plant a Children’s Garden in their community, –they delivered begonia plants to 40 children in their community and plan to deliver spring flowering bulbs in the fall, provided container gardens to Atlantic Shores Health and Rehab Center

Potpourri Garden Club-members continue to support projects at the Dover Place Center

Salt Air Gardeners-launched a Facebook page, landscaped the beds and rain garden at the Chamber of Commerce, provided vegetable plants and tools to the Barbara K. Brooks Transition House, donated meals for healthcare workers at the local hospital

Spade and Trowel Garden Club-planted containers on 2 bridges, sponsored banners to be displayed on the bridges thanking healthcare workers, will offer their traditional holiday wreaths, swags, and mounds

Sussex Gardeners-members have been exchanging plants, produce, ideas and encouragement

Remember the best and forget the rest! We have clean, uncluttered homes, weed free gardens, and plenty of books to read. We have time to spend with our loved ones. “Together is our favorite place to be.”

Connie Raymond,
President, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Maryland

The past few months have been a lot quieter than usual for the members of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. Projects which typically engaged members’ time and energy have been postponed or curtailed. Meetings, trips and outings have been



Carolyn Braverman

Probably not many of our members. Yet during these past months, that is the way many of us have kept in touch.

Other initiatives our clubs have engaged in are “Mo Wine Mondays”, as one club, whose members enjoyed each other’s company – and wine – met in a member’s back yard, bringing their own chairs and glasses. One of our Districts began a bi-monthly newsletter called “The Garden Basket” filled with gardening tips, links to videos, and ideas for entertainment. One District held a Gladiola Growing Challenge with a monetary reward for the club who submitted the most pictures of members with their gladiolas.



Doris Key, Director of District V



Another District participated in an Art Blooms event held outdoors at an art center.

This President was fortunate to be invited to a delightful luncheon celebration of a club’s 50th Year Anniversary. Lunch was served in a big tent with everyone socially distancing after a lovely tour of the venue’s grounds which included many beds of the vegetables and herbs the establishment uses in their food preparation. It was lovely to meet “live”.



Photos by Bob Key and Bill Fletcher

Each year, one District engages in a tree planting project on a rotating basis. We call it the Alice Rush McKeon Tree Planting, honoring an extraordinary woman who was a past president of FGCMMD and so much more. In the past, the State Highway Association has partnered with us in the project, but could not participate this year. So our plans changed radically. We have relocated and curtailed our projects and hope to have dedications in the spring. This holds true for our one Gold and two Blue Star Marker dedications as well. We had planned Maryland’s first Gold Star ceremony for last April, but it will be 2021 before it happens.

Our Environmental and Flower Show Schools were rescheduled from last spring to this September and were held successfully. Strict safety protocols were in place and the number of participants was restricted. Landscape Design School took place this October as planned. These schools are planned for the spring: Landscape Design School: Course II – April 13 & 14, 2021 and Flower Show School: Course IV – April 26 – 29, 2021.

We look forward to the future when we can meet again in person.

Carolyn Braverman,
President, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

National Capital Area

National Capital Area Garden Clubs have pulled together their creative energy to kick off a new Garden Club year. One club launched the new schedule with a Virginia Winery meeting, including a wine tasting and a tour at Blue Valley. I was fortunate to attend and it was a delightful day in the country. Great start for sure!

New for some, HYBRID meetings, a combination of outdoor and/or inside (limited numbers) in-person meetings using a webcam and laptop beaming the presenter to those at home, via ZOOM. A win for all.



Cherie Lejeune

Almost all clubs and our Districts ZOOM both board and general meetings. And now, SHARE YOUR PROGRAM has launched with clubs who have plenty of empty seats on ZOOM inviting other clubs to join them. This is a perfect solution for smaller clubs who are struggling to find inexpensive presentations.

A look back, at our clubs’ summer 2020:

- Plant and bulb sales, with a few offering online buying, followed with safe, pickup locations.
- Clubs weeded and deadheaded community gardens to keep those gardens looking terrific.
- Clubs created tours of their own gardens, with many opening the tours to neighbors.
- Thanks to the bounty of public gardens in the Greater Washington DC area, members were able to go to botanical gardens and see one another too, safe, socially distanced.
- Small bouquets continue to be dropped off to several hospitals and senior assisted living facilities. Nonstop, “thank you’s”.
- Laurel Garden Club from their veggie gardens provided fresh food for 17 local families.

Forward activities will include, NGC online classes with a robust Guidelines manual online. We hope to launch Environment School, late winter. We held a Flower Show School course in-person successfully.

Plans for online youth programs are on the agenda of a few clubs, a perfect solution that parents and schools seem excited to participate in as well.

We have been inspired by some larger states that have both Environment and Legislative committees, and NCA will add those to our board. It is clear how important Advocacy is and being informed on all green issues on local, state and federal levels.

Lastly, I was proud of the CAR-SGC BLOOMING ZOOM Festival. Organized in only six weeks with 7

great presentations over 4 days, with no less than 100 attending every session, it garnered great feedback from all. It has refueled the scholarship fund with money to spare for creative online programs for the seven states to have access to, free-of-charge. Big shout-out to treasurer, Mary Williford, CAR Webmaster Margaret Woda, and NCA troopers Melinda Sigal, and Arlene Stewart on ZOOM tech support.

Cherie Lejeune,
President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs

New Jersey



Jeannie Geremia

top of the list of our accomplishments. Kudos to GCNJ Board members Diana Kazazis, Ellen Preissler and our new website manager, Doug Guthrie, as we have a dynamic, interactive website that is user friendly with the ability to upload information quickly and artfully.

The GCNJ is extremely proud of the direction we have undertaken with the realization in mid-July that my President’s Theme, “Paths to Discovery Through Outdoor Learning Centers” was at a dead-end at Rutgers Gardens. The door immediately opened, with GCNJ joining the Coalition of 84 (now 93 & counting) other organizations to pass the Liberty State Park Protection Act and Save the Park’s Caven Point Natural Area. Liberty State Park is New Jersey’s Central Park and more, as it is owned by the State of NJ and maintained by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This 1200 acres, 600 of land and 600 of water is located in Jersey City and looks out to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Manhattan skyline. It is an urban oasis, a critical link of the Atlantic Migratory Flyway and was gifted to the Nation to celebrate our

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. has had many course corrections in the last few months as we were forced to become more creative in dealing with a new normal precipitated by the Corona Virus. The installation of our new website at: www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org is at the

country’s bicentennial in 1976. The GCNJ’s Environmental Chair Beverly Kazickas has led the GCNJ’s 102+ clubs and 4200+ members to advocate for the Senate and Assembly bills that would preserve this jewel for us and future generations.

After GCNJ’s June Annual Meeting, “Pollinators on Parade”, was cancelled, we awarded 10 Presidential Citations and swore in our GCNJ Executive Officers on June 22, 2020 at our 1st Virtual Zoom Meeting with just the GCNJ Board in attendance. We are finding out that more members are attending these meetings, and more positives are apparent as we can socialize, attend to business, and walk out to our own gardens, saving time and travel. The GCNJ is advocating for the Issuance of Protect Pollinator License Plates. In our efforts to advocate for conservation and the environment, we adopted a GCNJ Conservation Pledge joining our GCNJ Mission Statement. Both can be viewed on our new website.

The Garden Club of New Jersey has had one Blue Star dedication sponsored by West Trenton GC in Mercer County, and two more dedications on Veteran’s Day November 11, 2020 sponsored by Haddonfield GC in Camden County and Neshanic GC in Somerset County. We also have two on order for Passaic County and Cape May County, and are planning three more in Woodbury, Gloucester County, Sussex State Fairgrounds in Sussex County and at Liberty State Park in Hudson County. We’re hoping to bring a Pollinator Learning Center, an interactive display to engage the public in learning more about pollinators and the fact they provide 1/3 of the food we eat, to Liberty State Park. The GCNJ welcomed two new clubs, the Hackensack Community GC and Wisdom’s Promise, an intergenerational garden club in Newark. Barbara Weiland, President of Wisdom’s Promise and Founder/Director of Kids in Business, provided 1,000 pumpkin pie pumpkins to kids throughout Newark in place of trick or treating, inspiring our clubs throughout New Jersey to follow suit.

Jeannie Geremia with new bee house



Photos by Bob Geremia

Lastly, a big shout-out and congratulations to Cherie Lejeune, Gail Corle Manna, Margaret Woda, staff and presenters for all your hard work in creating the successful 2020 CAR-SGC Blooming-Zoom Festival. Delaware President Connie Raymond is right in saying that we should consider more Virtual Meetings in the future beyond our recovery from the pandemic as many more are able to attend, and it is our future!!!!

**Jeannie Geremia,
President, The Garden Club of New Jersey**



New York

FGCNYS Zooms!



The Federated Garden Clubs of NYS congratulate CAR-SGC on a super successful Zoom Festival! The festival was fun and inspirational for all who participated. We were proud to have our own FGCNYS Marion Romeo as one of the fantastic presenters. Marion is a former Second District Director and is an award winning exhibitor at the Newport & Philadelphia Flower Shows. Her presentation on Botanical Arts– Jewelry was terrific. Thanks, Marion!

We recently held our own Zoom/Hybrid Landscape Design School Course 3 in the Seventh District, Rochester, NY. Our District Director, Anne Johnston, and our LDS Chairman, Roberta Dubeshter, showed great initiative and zoomed into the new technology. Congrats to all!

Our state has purchased a second subscription to Zoom. We provide clubs in the state tech support and the opportunity to reserve a space for their meetings. We have also initiated a virtual speakers list to get them started on meaningful programs via Zoom. Many clubs are Zooming into the future and enjoy this new way to communicate.



Victoria Bellias

Let’s keep Zooming along and staying safe and healthy,

**Victoria Bellias,
President, Federated Garden Clubs
of New York State**

Pennsylvania



Joyce Milberg

You only have to open the latest *National Gardener Magazine* to know that Pennsylvania is busy with our multitude of gardening activities despite the obstacles sent our way by the pandemic.

Our Burpee seed project is gaining national attention!

Almost 40,000 seed packets were distributed to our ten Districts which sent them on to our 113 clubs which used them in a variety of ways. From Rosie's first attempt at growing vegetables and her pride at producing Radishes to Karen's Spicy Saber Basil, the article in TNG highlights the distribution of seed packets under less than optimal conditions and shows the results of our efforts in picture after picture. Some clubs used the seeds in community gardens and later distributed the harvest to local food banks. I'm told we have more than 450 responses to our request for pictures of the Burpee Challenge.

Congratulations to Chambersburg Garden Club, a winner of this year's Plant America Grant, also mentioned in TNG. Over the years, Pennsylvania has had winners of Plant America, Ames Tools and Espoma Co. grants. PA is a winning state in all respects. This year we held the first in the nation all Zoom Gardening School to accolades from participants, some using Zoom for the very first time. We've held two of our GCFP Board meetings on Zoom with almost full attendance each time.

Our experience with Zoom has encouraged us to again make the difficult decision to cancel our 91st Annual Convention scheduled for mid-April 2021. All indications are that this pandemic will be with us for some time to come. When NGC cancelled their highly anticipated National Convention for the second time, handwriting was on the wall that we must keep our members safe despite the longing we have to see each other and connect in person. We will use the model set forth by CAR-SGC for their highly successful "Blooming Zoom" festival to create "Zooming into Spring", the GCFP 2021 Convention

on Zoom. Our District IV and the current Convention Committee have graciously agreed to switch gears from a live to a virtual presentation. We fully expect a well-attended, enjoyable educational experience that in addition to our usual convention participants will attract members unable to travel and those who would not normally think of attending a convention. My challenge to our members - learn how to use your phone or computer to Zoom between now and April! I'd like to "see" you all in the spring as we gather to celebrate 91 years of gardening and continue Growing our Legacy.

Joyce Milberg,
President, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

NGC Member Award of Honor--- Region Award

The Member Award of Honor of a region is the culmination of candidates presented from states within a region. Each state is asked to submit an outstanding club member to the Region Director for consideration. Whether a state's candidate receives the Member Award of Honor for that region or not, the selection is an honor for that state candidate and should be recognized by their state.

I express my thanks to your state award chairmen and committees for selecting worthy candidates. We would have recognized all the candidates and the winner at our Fall Conference in Delaware and, sorry that did not happen. We will do so now.

This award was created to thank our club members who have contributed so much to furthering the goals of NGC. Informing members that we are aware of their contributions to communities, the environment, conservation, youth, education of members and those in need through garden therapy programs is vital. It is part of our continuing growth of garden clubs and their mission.

Our Congratulations to all four State Winners:
From the **State of New York**-----NANCY D. HASWELL
Member of Home Garden Club of Syracuse,
District VI, FGCNYS

From the **State of Pennsylvania**---JUDITH L.
SCHAFFER

Member of Pucketos Garden Club, District VII,
GCFP

From **National Capital Area**-----THEA M. MCGINNIS
Member of Rock Sprig Garden Club, NCAGC

From the **State of New Jersey**-----CATHERINE
SHALLOO
Member of Bayberry Garden Club Brielle,
GCNJ

The Winner of the NGC Member Award of Honor—
Region Award— was announced and included in the
NGC Awards this past May, but the winner is always
announced and congratulated by her Region at the
Fall Conference. So we will do it now.....

Congratulations, Region Award Winner
Thea M. McGinnis -----National Capital Area

On behalf of this Region, Congratulations Thea. The
award certificate from the CAR-SGC is on its way to
you, with our thanks for all that you have done for
your club, members and the community through the
years. Efforts for which you gave so freely of
yourself and your time have not gone unnoticed.
Congratulations.

States-----If you have members who have gone over
and above for your members and your communities,
please recognize them. They are the heart and soul
of this organization.

My heartfelt thanks to all,
Gail Corle Manna, Director

CAR-SGC Perennial Bloom Award and Golden Perennial Bloom Award

Many of our best-proved flowers are perennials that
spring up afresh year after year, making an out-
standing contribution to the beauty of our gardens.

We, in our Garden Clubs, have been privileged to
have longtime members who are like the faithful
perennials in our gardens, and in grateful
appreciation for their years of support, this
“**Perennial Bloom Award**” was developed. After
being nominated by their individual clubs, and going
through the selection process, these applications
were then sent on to CAR-SGC. This year we
received 7 candidates all chosen for their continued

support to the various objectives of their Garden
Clubs.

The seven garden club members chosen for this
year’s **CAR-SGC “Perennial Bloom Award”** are:

- Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs –
Alice Witterholt
- Federated Garden Club of Maryland, Inc. –
Peggy Somerville
- National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. –
Mary Ellen Colandene
- The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. - **Joan Baker**
- Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. -
Sharon Vazquez
- Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. - **Dotty Haney**
- The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania -
Susan Semple

It has been a humbling experience to read about all
of the challenges, experiences, and wonderful
accomplishments of these outstanding seven
members who have been chosen by their Clubs and
respective CAR-SGC seven Member Garden Clubs to
receive this honor. After reading, rereading, and
reading again about all of the amazing things these
valuable members have done, one member has been
chosen as the **CAR-SGC “Golden Perennial Bloom
Award”** winner - **Alice Witterholt** from Delaware
Federation of Garden Clubs.

Each of these garden club members has been
instrumental in the continued success of their
garden clubs and should be applauded for their
efforts.

As a final note, quite a few of our CAR-SGC Club
members reached out to me to let me know that the
wording on our Perennial Bloom Award application
was confusing. The more I read it, the more I
acknowledge that they are right. Over the years,
each Chairman added different bits and it ended up
becoming quite muddled. I apologize that I didn’t
give it a more thorough read through earlier.

Many of our Clubs wanted to offer their own Club
Perennial Bloom Award. Working with them, we
have come up with a clearer and more inclusive
application form going forward. I appreciate your
comments, enjoyed chatting with so many of you,

and thank you for your involvement with and dedication to our Clubs.

Monica C. Hansen,
CAR-SGC Perennial/Golden Bloom
Award Chairman



Publicity Pressbook Awards

What a pleasure it was to review the pressbooks submitted for the CAR Pressbook award! Lots of news articles, getting the word out that gardeners are at work in our communities! The use of the internet as well as newspaper and club newsletters was a real plus.

Publicity Pressbook Awards
Central Atlantic Region,
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Extra Large Clubs (100+ Members)

1st Orchard Park Garden Club
Orchard Park, New York

Small (29 members and under)

1st Newark Garden Club
Newark, New York

Medium (30 – 59 Members)

1st Germantown Garden Club
Germantown, New York

2nd Garden Club of Springfield
Springfield, Pennsylvania

3rd Chippewa Garden Club
Brecksville, OH

Large (60-99 members)

1st Westerville Garden Club
Westerville, OH

2nd Gettysburg Garden Club
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

3rd The Garden Club of Long Beach Island
Long Beach Island, New Jersey

Affiliates

1st Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center, Inc.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Poss Tarpley,
CAR-SGC Pressbook Awards

CAR-SGC 2020/2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The winner of the CAR-SGC 2020-2021 \$2,000 Scholarship Award is Hannah Roden. Hannah is a graduate student at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry working on a Masters of Science in Forest Pathology and Mycology. She believes “plants are important to maintaining human health and culture, as well as ecosystem function.” Hannah’s plans are to use the \$2,000 scholarship to offset the expenses for her required summer field season where she will be working to collect plant samples that will be used to analyze fungal endophyte diversity. After completing her M.S., she plans on entering a Ph.D program to study the patterns of fungal endophyte biodiversity, the ecological niches occupied by fungal endophytes and the effect on the community composition.

Thank you to the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. for submitting this qualified candidate. A huge thank you to Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc., Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania for submitting extremely qualified and competitive candidates.

This year’s judges were Mary Warshauer, Jeanne Nelson and Robin Hammer.

Constance O. Taylor
Chair, CAR-SGC Scholarship Award

CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Program

The Scholarship Patronage program was launched to encourage individuals to make annual donations to our Region’s Scholarship Fund. This program is in

addition to the Life Membership program, which continues to fund the Scholarship Fund each year.

Under the Patronage Program, club members who donate regularly will be recognized at the annual CAR-SGC Fall Conference, in our newsletter, *CAR Review* and in the *Members Only* section of the website.

There are four donation categories with special recognition for annual donations in five consecutive years and 10 consecutive years:

Platinum Donor annual donation of \$1,000 or more

Gold Donor annual donation of \$500-\$999

Silver Donor annual donation of \$200-\$499

Bronze Donor annual donation of \$50-\$199

After 5 consecutive years at a donor level
one oak-leaf cluster

After 10 consecutive years at a donor level
two oak-leaf clusters

Any donation of \$5,000 or more shall be recognized as a Diamond Donation.

Information and forms are located on our web-site. Donations may be made easily on the CAR-SGC website via PayPal or by check.

Don't wait. Donate today. Be part of this distinguished list of Patrons, who have donated and understand the importance of sustaining our Region's Scholarship Program.

Gail Corle Manna

Donations to Scholarship Patronage Program

The CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Program has received 9 contributions to date for a total of \$2450.00.

Bronze Level Contributors:

Shirley Basista	\$50	New Jersey
Jane Bersch	\$50	New Jersey
David Healy	\$50	Nat'l Capital Area
Claire Lechliter	\$50	Pennsylvania
Margaret Woda	\$50	Delaware

Silver Level Contributor:

Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland \$200

Gold Level Contributors:

Shirley Nicolai	\$500	Nat'l Capital Area
Constance Taylor	\$500	Nat'l Capital Area

Platinum Level Contributor:

Robin Hammer	\$1000	Nat'l Capital Area
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*Claire Lechliter,
Scholarship Patronage Program*

New Members of CAR-SGC Since Oct 2019 Meeting

Maryland had one new member: Anne Luther

Pennsylvania had five new members:

Marilyn Backus	Daryl Jones
Micki McCahan	Kathryn Yniques
Tonya Young	

All six members will be recognized, hopefully, in person next fall at the CAR-SGC conference at Seven Springs, PA . Life member cards have been mailed and certificates will be presented at the convention.

*Claire Lechliter,
Life Membership*

Environmental Concerns & Conservation

Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter by Ben Goldfarb. Read this book, especially if you are concerned or care about our wetlands, streams, and anything connected to them. To quote from the description at Amazon.com: 'In Eager, environmental journalist Ben Goldfarb reveals that our modern idea of what a healthy landscape looks like and how it functions is wrong, distorted by the fur trade that once trapped out millions of beavers from North America's lakes and rivers. The consequences of losing beavers were profound: streams eroded, wetlands dried up, and species from salmon to swans lost vital habitat. Today, a growing coalition of "Beaver Believers"— including scientists, ranchers, and passionate citizens—recognizes that ecosystems with beavers are far healthier, for humans and non-humans alike, than those without them. Believers are now hard at work restoring these industrious rodents to their former haunts. Eager is a powerful story about one of the

world’s most influential species, how our landscapes have changed over the centuries, and how beavers can help us fight drought, flooding, wildfire, extinction, and the ravages of climate change. Ultimately, it’s about how we can learn to coexist, harmoniously and even beneficially, with our fellow travelers on this planet.’

Linda Harris,
Environmental Concerns & Conservation Committee

and Mass designs. Horticulture instructor will be Sue Kirkman of Kentucky, an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and member of several plant societies. Horticulture topics will be Iris and Begonia (container grown). Additional information, including downloadable brochure and registration form, can be found on the GCO website, gardenclubofohio.org.

Begonia "Palomar Prince",
Exhibitor Winnie Garabis



Celebrate Spring By Attending Flower Show School

You’re invited! Flower Show School Course 1 will be held May 11-14, 2021, at the Fernald Preserve Visitor’s Center in Hamilton, OH, near Cincinnati. Design instructor will be former GCO President and NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Lynn Fronk, who will be teaching Flower Show Procedures and Traditional Design. Focus will be on Line, Line-Mass,

Learn more about the site for the school, Fernald Preserve, by checking out this fact sheet: https://www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Visitors_Center/Visitors_Center.pdf

Everyone is welcome!

Cindy Kozakewich

CAR-SGC Online



What’s new on the CAR-SGC Website?

The home page of CAR-SGC.ORG has been updated with a beautiful fall photo that Mt. Cuba authorized us to use on the cover of our 2020 CAR-SGC Conference program booklet. It was just too pretty to waste, when the conference was cancelled, so the photo now appears on our website home page.

Other updates include calendar changes, updated links throughout the website, a new list of CAR-SGC Life Members, announcement of a Scholarship Patronage program and even a revised shopping guide.

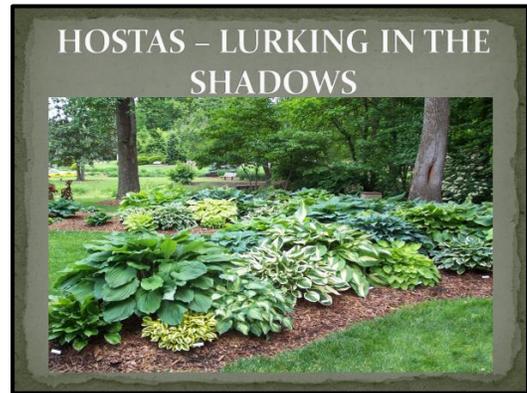
If your state or local garden club website relies on links to the National Garden Clubs website, you may want to check those links. Gardenclub.org enjoyed a recent makeover, including significant restructuring that resulted in some of the “old” links now going to different pages or even a 404 ERROR message. Finding the new link is usually easy, but may occasionally require a little patience — and some link destinations are just plain gone! As always, if you have any questions, please use the CONTACT tab at the top of our website. I check messages daily and forward them to the appropriate officer or committee chair.

Margaret Woda,
Website Chair

Liaison to Master Gardeners/Education Programs

In my dual roles as a Master Gardener with Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension and an active member of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, I have been presenting PowerPoint presentations associated with gardening since 2012. All have been within a relatively small geographical area, and all have been “face-to-face”.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, two major changes have taken place. First, all my presentations are now through Zoom, and second, the geographical area has expanded to include all of New York state. To date, I have delivered ten Zoom gardening presentations, with another six scheduled in the remainder of 2020, and four tentatively in 2021. All have been quite successful. Subjects include: Grasses, Plant Diseases, Climate Change, Butterfly Gardens, Hostas



Tony Antes,

Liaison to Master Gardeners/Education Programs

Designs from the Creative Arrangers Guild in Ohio

Our focus is learning and practicing design. We are doing Zoom meetings once a month and even have held a virtual flower show this summer. The active members submitted their “best” design from over this whole Covid - 19 experience and labeled them. Each month we create and critique a design and learn something new. The latest was veiling and layering.



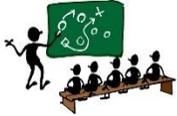
Veiling



Layering



Pat Rupiper, Ohio



First NGC Beta Zoom Gardening School



Beta testing is the final round of testing before a product is finally released to a wide audience. The objective is to uncover as many bugs or usability issues as possible in this controlled setting.

The first NGC Beta Zoom Gardening School was held July 21-22, 2020 in Pennsylvania. Local Co-Chairs, Sharon Richardson and Mary Jo Schlomann, had scheduled Course 3 at the 1756 Uwchlan Meeting House in Exton, PA when the first news about COVID-19 was released. All the speakers were already approved and were ready to go. By early April, it was obvious that 'in person' classes would not be possible. We learned that NGC was working on a plan using Zoom and the NGC Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design School Chairs met and approved guidelines for holding schools using Zoom. The Gardening School Chairs took the lead and planned three Zoom Beta Courses, with Pennsylvania leading the way!

Switching from an 'in person' class to Zoom was a challenge. The brochure, budget, speaker agreements, registration spreadsheets and additional forms all had to be revised. Many of the students and consultants who planned to attend had never participated in a Zoom Session and they were apprehensive. Zoom training sessions were given prior to the course to ensure all attendees were able to sign on and use the functions in Zoom.

The first Zoom Beta Gardening School was held on schedule and was attended by 38 people - NGC Officers, NGC Gardening School Accrediting Chairs, our GCFP President, Joyce Milberg, and students, consultants, and proctors from ten states (Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Washington, Wisconsin and West Virginia.) Five students who attended the Zoom Course achieved Consultant Status and one Consultant achieved Master Status. Of the students achieving Consultant Status, one had never used a computer prior to the Zoom Course.

The school received resoundingly good evaluations. Many of the positive comments commended the chairs on the speakers and the content. Some people expressed appreciation for not having to travel and for the reduced cost of the course. One negative aspect was that participants missed having personal contact with the other participants. We garden club members are a friendly, chatty bunch, so we missed the comradery of a live course.

NGC has now held four Zoom Beta Courses for the various schools and developed final guidelines for future courses. Garden club members will be able to attend courses in any state via Zoom and remain in their jammies by checking out NGC's website and signing up.

Mary Jo Schlomann

Ohio

Greetings from Ohio the Buckeye state: It was nice to share information during the CAR-SGC Zoom Meeting that President Gail Corle and Cherie Lejeune organized. Thank you!

Before Covid-19, I had the privilege of attending several Blue Star/Gold Star dedications. Each dedication was well organized and presented in a very dignified and honorary ceremony. I also traveled with the 1st Vice-President in the Spring of 2020 to all the ten districts in Ohio. During those visits I spent some time talking at each District Meeting about all the things that the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and CAR-SGC offers to the 133 garden clubs in our state. I believe when the local club belongs to state and national clubs, there are many benefits offered to the local club. I encourage all clubs to apply for GCO Awards. Joann Predina,

Civic Awards Chairman, has written the guidelines for a new award entitled, Covid-19 Award. She has reported to me that this award is getting great acceptance with our clubs in Ohio.

When I was President of my own club, Shaker Farms Garden Club, I challenged the club to go for the top club of the year at the state level. I had attended the Awards Committee Meetings and scanned the photographs of the winning awards and created a power-point presentation for our State Convention. We did win the "Garden Club of the Year." I also encourage clubs to reach out and do projects that will enhance your community and projects that will promote gardening with youth of all ages.

Some of the GCO clubs have reported to me that they are having Zoom Meetings to conduct club business and to keep in touch with all the members. Clubs that have committed to do outdoor projects in the community have completed those projects.

I am looking forward to 2021 and trying to get all our clubs back to "Normal". Stay safe and healthy!

Mary Lou Smith,
President, Garden Club of Ohio

Schools in Maryland

Course 4 of Environmental School was held "live" on September 9 and 10 on Maryland's Eastern Shore. We had 16 garden club members attending and closely followed our Covid-19 Protocols that kept us all safe. It was a very successful course and we were able to tour the Pickering Creek Audubon Center for our field trip, observing their many different wetlands. We also had a guided tour of the Chesapeake Bay Herb Society's herb garden that is located at Pickering Creek. As a result of this fourth course, we now have five new Environmental Consultants and three new Environmental Master Consultants.

We were also able to have a "live" Landscape Design School on October 13 and 14 in Bowie, Maryland. 28 garden club members attended Course 1 and again, we closely observed our Covid-19 Protocols. Of the 28 in attendance, 9 were refreshing and 19 were new to LDS and planning to take the whole series for consultant status. We have scheduled Course 2 for April 13 & 14, 2021 to be held in Columbia, Maryland.

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club had a Blue Star Memorial Marker installed at the Youghiogheny Overlook Welcome Center on I-68 in Garrett County, Maryland in September. The marker was installed by the State Highway Administration local crew. Plans are to have a dedication ceremony in the spring. The photo shows the marker with the mountains of western Maryland in the background.

Linda Harris, Maryland



CAR-SGC AWARDS FOR 2020

It is my pleasure, as Director, to present the following list of the 2020 Regional Awards.

Normally the awards were given out at our Fall Conference, but this year it was decided to include them in our Newsletter and on the Web-site. This will be a great way to get the word out to our vast membership. Award Packets will be sent to each President with certificates and checks to be given to their State membership.

I am so pleased with the amount of applications and awards during this crazy year, even with many programs and projects cancelled or postponed. My congratulations to all and many thanks to the Awards Chair, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, and all the individual Awards Chairs of that committee for their efforts.

Please continue all the good things you do for your members and community and remember, "You must apply to win".....

**Your Director,
Gail Corle Manna**

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AWARD-(Phyllis Besch, Chairman)

First Place Small Club-Country Garden Club of New Jersey-18 members
"Creating Bird, Butterfly & Pollinator Gardens"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

First Place Medium Club-Barefoot Gardeners Garden Club of Delaware-55 members
"Childrens Summer Butterfly Storytime & Garden Project"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

First Place Large Club-Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Maryland-72 members
"Secret Country Garden Tour, Inc.; Simple Floral Table Designs for Home"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AWARD-no entries (Pat Rupiper, Chairman)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AWARD-(Patricia Wilson, Chairman) (Certificate and \$100.00 for First Place)

First Place Small Club-Chesapeake Garden Club-20 members
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
"Calvert County Library Garden Water Runoff Project"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

First Place Medium Club-Garden Club of Long Valley-42 members
Garden Club of New Jersey
"Recycling and Clean Up Activities"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

First Place Large Club-Mountain Laurel Garden Club-72 members
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
"Partnership with MD State Parks to provide multiple programs for youth"
(Certificate and \$100.00)

Second Place Large Club-Garden Club of Essex Fells-108 members
Garden Club of New Jersey
"Maintenance and Restoration of a Natural Area in Essex Fells"
(Certificate)

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARDS-(Cecelia Millea, Chairman)
(Certificate and \$25.00 for each FIRST PLACE Winner, Certificate only for Second or Third Place)

Small Standard Flower Show (Small Club)

First Place-Seedling Garden Club-National Capital Area Garden Clubs
"Summertime"

Small Standard Flower Show (Medium Club)

First Place-Tanta-Cove Garden Club-National Capital Area Garden Clubs
"Sing a Song of Spring"

Second Place-Somerset County Garden Club-Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
"Herbal Essence"

Third Place-Pleasant Hills Garden Club-Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
"County Fair"

Small Standard Flower Show (Large Club)

First Place-Norristown Garden Club-Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
"A Child's Garden of Books"

Second Place-Westerville Garden Club-Garden Club of Ohio
"Wings in the Garden"

Third Place-Moorestown Garden Club- Garden Club of New Jersey
"Verdant Spring"

Standard Flower Show (Small Club)

First Place-Brandywine Garden Club-Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs
"Lovely As a Tree"

Standard Flower Show (Medium Club)

First Place-Nathan Hale Garden Club-Federated Garden Clubs of New York
"Paris in Bloom"

Second Place-Neshanic Garden Club-Garden Club of New Jersey
"90 Years of Gardening"

Standard Flower Show (Large Club)

First Place-Centerport Garden Club-Federated Garden Clubs of New York
"Summer Magic"

Second Place-Norristown Garden Club-Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
"Wedding Blossoms"

Third Place-Western Hills Garden Club-Garden Club of Ohio
"Gems of the West"

District Standard Flower Show

First Place-District II, Federated Garden Clubs of New York
"Social Whirl"

Second Place-District II, National Capital Area Garden Clubs
"Oh the Places You'll Go"

District Holiday Flower Show

First Place-District I, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland "Halloween"

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show (Medium Club)

First Place-Garden Club of Fair Haven, Garden Club of New Jersey
"Plant America"

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show (Large Club)

First Place-Rock Spring Garden Club, National Capital Area Garden Clubs
"There's A Flower That Shall Be Mine"

Standard Flower Show (Group of Clubs)

First Place-Elverson Garden Club, Four Seasons Garden Club, Garden Class of the Woman's Community Club of Uwchlan, Garden Club of Springfield, Garden Club Spade and Trowel Garden Club, The Country Gardeners Garden Club-Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
"Dancing Among the Flowers"

GOLDEN PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD-(Monica Hansen, Chairman) (Certificate)

Winner: Alice Witterholt-Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Perennial Bloom Award Winners

Peggy Somerville	Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
Mary Ellen Colandene	National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Joan Baker	The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Sharon Vazquez	Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Dotty Haney	Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Susan Semple	The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, Inc.

JEAN LADSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS-(Jane Bersch, Chairman)

Small Club-Judges Study Class-Garden Club of Ohio
(Certificate and \$100.00)

Medium Club-Warren Garden Club-Garden Club of New Jersey
(Certificate and \$100.00)

Large Club-Western Hills Garden Club-Garden Club of Ohio
(Certificate and \$100.00)

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR-(Gail Corle Manna Chairman)(National Certificate and Pin)

Winner: Thea McGinnis (National Capital Area Garden Clubs)

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD-(Elva Davidson, Chairman)

National Capital Area Garden Clubs- Eight Percent increase (Certificate)

PUBLICITY/PRESSBOOK-(Poss Tarpley, Chairman) (All receive certificates)

AFFILIATES

First Place -Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center, Inc. Harrisburg, PA

SMALL (29 members and under)

First Place -Newark Garden Club, Newark, New York

MEDIUM (30-59 members)

First Place-Germantown Garden Club, Germantown, New York

Second Place-Garden Club of Springfield, Springfield, Pennsylvania

Third Place-Chippewa Garden, Brecksville, Ohio

LARGE (60-99 members)

First Place-Westerville Garden Club, Westerville, Ohio

Second Place-Gettysburg Garden Club, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Third Place-The Garden Club of Long Beach Island, New Jersey

EXTRA LARGE CLUB-(100+ members)

Orchard Park Garden Club, Orchard Park, New York

THE VIOLET S. THORON AWARD-(Jane Bersch, Chairman) (Certificate)

Winner: Southern Butler County Garden Club
Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD-(Barbara Shepard, Chairman) No entries

NGC YEARBOOK AWARDS-(Certificate from NGC) (Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Chairman)

YB-1 (under 20) The Garden Club of Watchung (New Jersey)

YB-1 (20-29) The Heritage Garden Club (Pennsylvania)

YB-1 (30-44) Gardeners by the Sea (Delaware) Tie

YB-1 (30-44) Beverly Hills Garden Club (NCAGC) Tie

YB-1 (45-69) St. Mary's County Garden Club (MD)

YB-1 (70-99) Western Hills Garden Club (OH)

YB-1 (100-299) Orchard Park Garden Club (NY)

YB-3 District V Federated Garden Club of Maryland

NGC YOUTH CONTESTS

YOUTH RECYCLED SCULPTURE CONTEST-(National Certificate)

First Place Grade Six-Ximena Mondragon Sponsored by Four Seasons Garden Club
Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST- (Vivian Abel, Chairman) (National Certificate)

First Place Kindergarten -Abigail Davis Sponsored by Fulton Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

Third Place Kindergarten -Emilia Sandford Sponsored by the Garden Club of New Rochelle
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State

Second Place First Grade -Eva Thompson Sponsored by Calvert Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

Third Place Second Grade -Abby Hooper Sponsored by Ingomar Garden Club
Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

First Place Fourth Grade- Trinity Coury Sponsored by Pucketos Garden Club
Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Third Place Fifth Grade- Addison Slaven Sponsored by Garden Club of Long Beach Island
Garden Club of New Jersey

First Place Sixth Grade- Renata Lovitt Sponsored by Worcester County Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

First Place Ninth Grade- Nia Savana Sponsored by Shipley's Choice Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST-(Pat Cargnoni, Chairman)

No national winners

Regional Winners

First Place Grade One -Arianna Shetty Sponsored by Terra Nova Garden Club
Garden Club of New Jersey

First Place Grade Two- Elise Beach, Sponsored by the Garden Club of Clarion County
Garden Federation of Pennsylvania

First Place Grade Three -Emily White Sponsored by Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden Garden Club
The Garden Club of New Jersey

First Place Grade Four -Immanuella Ige Sponsored by Highland Heights Garden Club
Garden Club of Ohio

First Place Grade Five -Macy Rae Sponsored by Somerset County Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST-(Barbara Brand, Chairman) (Certificate and \$100.00)

Winner: Rachel L. Dispoto Sponsored by Fairway at Lake Ridge Garden Club
Garden Club of New Jersey

SCHOLARSHIP-(Connie Taylor, Chairman) (\$2,500.00)

Winner: Hannah Roden, Graduate Student, Syracuse University
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State

The Last Word

As Central Atlantic Regional Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species Chairman, I wrote an article and strongly recommended obtaining the book , "Bringing Nature Home" by Doug Tallmany. I am again recommending every gardener, conservationist, botanist and ecologist obtain Doug Tallmany's latest book, "Nature's Best Hope". In it, he notes that 95% of the country has been logged, tilled, drained, grazed, paved, or otherwise developed. Our rivers have been damaged, our air polluted and we have purposefully imported thousands of species of plants, insects and diseases from other lands which have decimated many native plant communities on which local food webs depend and we have carved the natural world into tiny remnants, each too small and too isolated to support the variety of species required to sustain the ecosystems that support us. Doug Tallamy's whole premise is that human beings are nature's BEST HOPE.

Iris Cisarik,

Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species Chair

CAR-SGC Outreach-Leadership Project

So, as we can see from the success of the CAR-SGC Blooming Zoom Festival, Zoom is the way to go! So why not a Zoom Leadership Workshop? Here are some topics which can be discussed.

- Information on your State's, CAR-SGC and NGC President's themes and projects
- Parliamentary procedures
- Protocol
- Using your State's, CAR-SGC and NGC's websites
- Applying for awards
- How to prepare a budget
- NGC Schools
- Writing a meeting agenda
- Insurance/liability coverage
- IRS reporting
- Sales tax
- Youth therapy programs
- How to conduct Zoom meetings

Read below the great workshop one of the Districts in FHCNYS held. They are planning their next one to be ZOOMED!

FGCNYS Second District Director, Kim Thomson reported that her District sponsored a Leadership presentation at the end of October 2019. There were two groups conducting the workshop. Group One's topics were; "The Keys to a Successful Meeting" run by Joan Corbisiero, NGC Parliamentarian. The topics covered were Parliamentary Procedure, "Minutes not Hours," Finances and 501c3 information which concluded with questions and answers. Group Two consisted of a panel composed of representatives from six clubs throughout the District. They discussed "The Keys to a Successful Club." This covered: Increasing Membership, Youth Development, "The Frog Bag Program," and Programming Suggestions, Alternatives and Resources. This too was followed by questions and answers. After a bag lunch, shopping, and raffles, a PowerPoint presentation was presented by a local club member entitled, "Less is More... How to Simplify Your Garden."

Director Thomson said that the meetings were fairly well attended. Officers and prospective officers of clubs were asked to join the workshop, and other club members were invited as well. Everyone was asked to register due to limited space. Both Group One and Two received positive feedback. She said it is the District's intention to have a follow-up to the Leadership Workshop during their Presidents Council in March 2021.

Director Thomson also said that one aspect of leadership is passing information on to the individual members of a club. She said some clubs are excellent at it, while others unfortunately are not, nor do they pass materials on to their successors. She said while their topics have not yet been chosen for the next workshop, they are considering "Passing Information on to the Individual Members of a Club" as one of their topics. They are anticipating that this meeting will be in Zoom format.

Please contact me if you have any question or I can assist you in any way. (cleskosky@hotmail.com)

**Chris Leskosky,
Leadership Outreach Chair**

Violet S. Thoron Award and Jean Ladson Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Awards

As Chairman for the Violet S. Thoron Award and The Jean Ladson Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Award, I was pleased to receive applications from five of the seven states in CAR-SGC Region. There were eleven applications for the Jean Ladson Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Award and two for the Violet S. Thoron Award.

Winners were:

Jean Ladson Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Award:

Small Club: Judges Study Class of Garden Club of Ohio for a Petite Standard Flower Show held at Maple Knoll Retirement Center. Members of the garden club held three workshops for the residents prior to the Show.

Medium Club: Warren Garden Club of Garden Club of New Jersey - Club members worked with children ages three to five during Story Hour/Craft at their local library, selecting garden related stories and providing garden related projects. At one meeting, the children created heart shaped bird feeders.

Large Club: Western Hills Garden Club of Garden Club of Ohio -Club members sponsored a Standard Flower Show which also involved residents of a retirement and wellness community. A Sponsored Group Section was included. The garden club held three workshops to encourage residents to enter and helped them with their entries. At one of the workshops, residents were assisted in decorating a grapevine wreath using dried plant materials. Note cards using a variety of pressed flowers were the project at another workshop.

Violet S. Thoron Award:

This award was won by the Southern Butler County Garden Club of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Over the previous two years, the Program Committee of the club has been providing a horticulture program for its members. In 2019, a PowerPoint Horticulture Program was presented to the club by nine members of the garden club, titled "The Evolution of Our Gardens". One garden involved vertical garden trellises; another, an 80 foot brown vinyl picket fence was backdrop for a perennial garden. A Master Gardener shared her transformation of a library garden into a pollinators' garden. Gazebos, birdbaths and arbors were often used as accents in some gardens. The garden club members had a "Virtual Garden Tour".

I encourage all the garden clubs to consider submitting any special program or event taking place during these difficult times.

Jane S.R. Bersch, Chairman

Violet S. Thoron Award and Jean Ladson Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Award

Schools Being Held in the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

Flower Show School:

May 11 - May 14, 2021 - Hamilton, OH; Course 1
Mar 28 - Mar 30, 2021 - College Park, MD; Course 3
Apr 26 - Apr 29, 2021 - Bowie, MD; Course 4

Gardening School, Environmental School and Landscape Design School: None



Photo by Larry Carbaugh