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9th District Minutes... The 9th District General Meeting was held on October 16, 2017 at Dobb's Ferry Woman's Club. Twenty-five members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. The minutes from July 17, 2017 were emailed and accepted and the treasurers report was filed. Those board members present either delivered reports to be filed or "had nothing to report". The meeting focused on the 2018 9th District Flower Show, the success of Flower School I and the **2017 Fall Holiday Showcase** scheduled for **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018 at the Mount Kisco Country Club**, Mt. Kisco, NY. Please make your reservations no later than November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am. October's program was a Q & A for NGC judges regarding any questions from the floor about Flower Show School, handbook, etc.

Thank you Gwen Cort and her club for the fabulous homemade cake, snacks and fresh fruit available before & during the meeting. For the complete 9th District minutes Click on "For Members Only", password "Lasdon". Click on "9th District Minutes". Or click on this link

<http://www.district9fgcnys.com/For-Members-Only.html>



“SAVE THESE DATES...”

FALL

SPRING

Thursday, November 16, 2017
2017 Holiday Floral Showcase
Mount Kisco Country Club
10 Taylor Road, Mt. Kisco NY

Make your reservations now! RSVP before 11/10

\$48 check payable to 9th District FGCNYS

Mail to Maureen Delano, 1486 Pleasantville Road
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510-1607

Michael Derouin, Guest Floral Designer/Artist

vendors, raffles, cash bar, friends

Sunday, 4.15.18 - Tuesday, 4.17.18
FGCNYS 2018 CONFERENCE
Binghamton, NY at the
Doubletree by Hilton

Stay overnight in **Binghamton** or carpool with your friends for the day. Attend Sunday thru Tuesday or just one day.

Meet other members from NYS Clubs, Workshops, Awards, Dinner, etc. Get Involved with FGCNYS!

More details coming in 2018 on FGCNYS website

Plan on attending April 15-17, 2018



Comments on entry cards by FS Judges offer the opportunity to learn and grow as an exhibitor & designer.

SPEAKER SYNOPSIS...The phrase “here comes the judge” can give anyone pause - I’ve watched enough CSI and SVU shows and admit I’m a little fearful of the “black robe”. But that phrase has new meaning since I took “Flower Show School Course 1” last month. To become a flower show judge is not easy. There are four courses a student must take and pass. Then enter flower shows and score blue ribbons, write a schedule and much more. Don’t get me wrong; I’m not complaining about the work, the studying or the pressure I put on myself. I’m hoping to give you a different perspective of who and what a flower show judge is. The panel of judges (G. Cort, J. Nelson, T. Marchica, C. Spiers, P. Wright) that were at October’s meeting in Dobb’s Ferry are knowledgeable, resourceful, approachable and kind. They want to help designers, exhibitors and future judges grow and be the best they can be. 9th District is very fortunate to have them as a resource. So, when I see the judges arriving at the next flower show I’ll remember – have a little more respect, patience and admiration as their job is not an easy one.

NOTEWORTHY DATES & INFO

December 4, 2017	9 th District <u>Board</u> Meeting *Wreath Drop Off	Muscoot
January 22, 2018	9 th District <u>General</u> Meeting	TBA
March 12, 2018	9 th District <u>Board</u> Meeting	Lasdon

March 27, 28 & 29, 2018 FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE II

Options available: One day, two days, test or no test

Registration Deadline March 1, 2018

Contact: Chris Wolff, Registrar at 914.923.3238

<http://www.district9fgcnys.com/FSSCourseIItrifoldMar2018.pdf>

May 21-24, 2018	NGC Convention	Philadelphia, PA
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MEMBER NEWS

In case you didn't know, “Flower Show School I” took place on October 3-5 in Chappaqua!

FSS I had nearly 80 people in attendance each day, including students, committee members, instructors and honored guests, including Monica Hansen, President of GGCNYS, 37 students took the exam including approximately 24 students from our district. We have already been receiving registrations for Course II. The last time there was a Flower Show School in District IX was in 2003 - about 15 years ago. Don’t miss out on Course II this March 2018. Table Design (functional and exhibition) and horticulture – both succulents and houseplants, will be part of the agenda. Put the date on your 2018 calendar and join us in Chappaqua!

NWF at Work - Promoting Native Plants

www.nwf.org/nw

Through its Garden for Wildlife™ program, the National Wildlife Federation has long urged homeowners and others to cultivate plants native to their region. Not only are nonnative landscaping species risky-with the potential to escape and cause harm to ecosystems-they do not provide the food that local wildlife need.

Recently, the Federation launched a new tool for computers, tablets and smartphones that helps gardeners pick by zip code the best native plants for wildlife in their specific area. See www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder.

NWF also helps schools and community organizations plant native species through its Trees for Wildlife™ program. During the past decade, this program has planted more than a quarter-million native tree seedlings nationwide. To learn more, visit www.nwf.org/trees.