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9th District**

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9th District Minutes...The 9th District General Meeting was held on July 17, 2017 at First Congregational Church, Chappaqua, NY. Twenty-eight members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of long time member Dot Leslie (see page 3 for member news).

The minutes of April 18, 2017 were read and accepted and the treasurers report was filed. Those board members present either delivered reports to be filed or "had nothing to report". Jacqui Bergonzi, Corresponding Secretary, has the new Yearbooks on track for Septembers' President's Luncheon on Monday, September 25th at Pelham Manor Woman's Club.

New Business: **NGC PLANT AMERICA GRANTS** are available at the National website <http://gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants.aspx> This website gives all the information on what projects are eligible, deadlines, criteria, etc. All clubs are encouraged to pursue this grant for any new project they want to start. **Grant Application Deadline is November 1, 2017.** For more information contact: Betty Cookendorfer, Chairman: Plant America at bcooken@aol.com

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. Following lunch, Jacqui Bergonzi gave an informative talk/power point on "Tis the Season for Pollinators". (Page 2)

Thank you Section 1 for the delicious "treats" that were available before & during the meeting. Great Job! 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 THE DATES...

FALL

FGCNYS 2017 CONFERENCE
Sunday, 9.17.17 - Tuesday, 9.19.17
Best Western, Kingston, NY



SAVE THE DATES...

SPRING

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

Meet other members from NYS Clubs, Workshops, Awards, Dinner, etc.

Stay overnight in **Kingston** or carpool with your friends. Attend Sunday thru Tuesday or just one day. See the tri-fold below for details on programs and registration

<http://www.fgcny.com/fallconference.pdf>

SPEAKER SYNOPSIS...



Aside: Monarchs can travel between 50-100 miles a day; it can take up to two months to complete their journey. The farthest ranging monarch butterfly recorded traveled 265 miles in one day.

In her presentation, *Tis the Season for Pollinators*, at the July 17 General Meeting of the Ninth District, Jacqui Bergonzi displayed her broad knowledge, deep appreciation and boundless enthusiasm for the hardworking insects who pollinate our agricultural crops and ornamental gardens. In addition to the widely publicized plights of the Monarch butterfly and honeybees, she highlighted some of the lesser known pollinators such as moths and ants. Inspired by her personal experiences with 'a giant moth on her kitchen window', many in attendance will be seeking out these creatures of the night in their own gardens!

Jacqui provided live plants and slides to illustrate how specific insects evolved with the plants they pollinate. She also discussed strategies for incorporating high value plants for pollinators in the garden throughout the seasons. A lively discussion followed her presentation and all left with increased knowledge and renewed commitment to consider all pollinators when planting our gardens.

Submitted by Melanie Smith-Klein

For additional information: http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/NortheastPlantList_web.pdf

NOTEWORTHY DATES & INFO

AUGUST

- 25** 'A Celebration of Parks & Gardens' in the Empire State Parkway Gardens, Parkway Homes GC 2-6 pm at Greenburgh Town Hall
- 25-27** Tropical Treasures – New Horizons GC at Lasdon
Friday 3-4, Saturday 10-4, Sunday 10-3 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 12** - Brewster/Carmel GC "Container Gardening" by Jennifer Stengel from the Putnam Cooperative Extension
- 13** – Briarcliff Manor GC "Floral Hidden Secrets"
Presenter: Jan Gordon, owner of East Meets West Flowers
- 25 – 9th District President's Luncheon** at the Pelham Manor Women's Club. All Club President's invited as the 9th District's guest. Please remember to bring a tri-fold of your club's "most noteworthy" accomplishment to share. Each President in attendance will be presented with a binder full of helpful information - increasing membership, running effective meetings, grant availability and keeping members motivated. A meeting not to be missed!

NEXT GRAPEVINE DUE DATE
NOVEMBER 15

SEND: CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY – MARCH

TO: SUZY.TRAGER@GMAIL.COM

MEMBER NEWS



Dot Leslie, passed away on July 8, 2017 at the age of 95. She was an active member and past president of the Garden Club of Peekskill, a Master Gardener, and a District and State Flower Show Master Judge. Dot was on the Conservation Committee and was instrumental in the restoration and beautification of the Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

Members at the 9th District General Meeting had a moment of silence and then shared their remembrances and impact that Dot had on them over the years...

"A persistent and enthusiastic supporter of causes she thought important"
Chet Logan

"Dot inspired me to take on the 9th District Unsolicited Awards Chair and I couldn't say "no" when she called me to enter a design in the last district show. Would never want to disappoint a dear lady."
Leah Kennell

"she was full of knowledge and there's a smile on your face when thinking of her"
M. Bowles

"Dot left a path to follow"
G. Cort

When I heard about Dot my thought was that of the old saying, "It's not the years in your life that counts but the life in your years". She was blessed with both, and an inspiration for all of us.
Chris Wolff

WHAT IS???

THE PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD honors long time garden club members.



We, in our Garden Clubs have been privileged to have long time members who, like the faithful perennials in our gardens, have made our clubs grow and bloom with their continuous support of our goals and objectives. Serving as officers and chairmen over the years, their love of gardening has planted many a seed for garden club programs and events, while their enthusiastic leadership has inspired members to nurture these seeds into successful bloom. In grateful appreciation for their years of support, a PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD is presented to them, and a tree or shrub is to be planted in their honor. Application & Certificate available on C.A.R. Website. Clubs may give more than one Award. Club Deadline March 1.

Last year, 9th District's Terry Marchica was the recipient of this wonderful award.

CONGRATULATIONS Terry!!!

Club Calendar of Events:

October

3,4 &5

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE 1 REGISTER 914.923.3238

Dot Yard, NGC Chair of Flower Show Schools, will present new procedures from the 2017 Handbook and will also teach us about chrysanthemums and needled evergreens. Jackie Davies will enlighten us about the new design techniques and make design easy to understand

- 10 Brewster/Carmel GC "Dwarf Conifers and Small Shrubs for Rock Gardens" by Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery of Hamden, CT.
- 10 Pound Ridge GC "Floral Designs for the Flower Show" by Tony Palmieri, AIFD, 10:30 am
Pound Ridge Library 271 Westchester Ave.
Contact Anne Lyman aclyman@verizon.net for more info
- 10 Peekskill GC Manmade and Natural Landscapes in Westchester County Parks by Ken Uhle 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Center, Peekskill Public Library 934 South Street
- 11 Briarcliff MGC "Tomatoes, An Appreciation" with Miriam Rubin
- 16 **9th District GENERAL MEETING** Program: "New Horizons Flower Show School Remix – Q & A with the experts"
- 18 Chappaqua GC "Care of Succulents & Air Plants" by Darin Wildenstein of Jordan's Jungle, Pawtucket, RI 12:30 pm
New Castle Town Hall, Chappaqua NY. Plants available for sale after presentation
- 25 Briarcliff MGC Fall Fundraiser 10-3 Mt. Kisco Country Club Reserve your Ticket: \$55.00
18 vendors, many raffles, a MARCH Fashion Show & a Daniel Meyer Floral Presentation
Checks payable to BMGC, PO Box 210, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
All proceeds will go towards our high school scholarship fund and our other community outpouring endeavors
- 30 New Horizons Succulent Design Workshop at Muscoot Reservations 914.739.3469 Fee: \$20

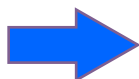
November

Annual District Fundraiser/Luncheon DATES TBA

- 14 Brewster/Carmel GC Demonstration by Leah Kennell - annual combined meeting with the Lake Mahopac GC
- 15 Chappaqua GC "A Woodland Purple Arrangement" by Trish O'Sullivan, noted floral designer 12:30 pm
First Congregational Church, Chappaqua

December

- 4 **BOARD MEETING & Wreath Drop-off** 9:30 – 11:30 at Muscoot



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL! 914.923.3238

Call Chris Wolff, Registrar. Registration trifold available here

http://www.district9fgcnys.com/FSScoursetrifold_oct2017FINALJune10.pdf

Section 1 Joan Bradley

GC Highland

GC Peekskill

GC Yorktown toured the many gardens nearby. First, the Memorial Garden Tour at Lasdon Park, led by a horticulturist, included the fragrance garden, a synoptic shrub border and a formal garden. In July, a visit to Hollister House, Litchfield, CT. It is a classic garden in the English manner with a loosely formal structure, informally planted in generous abundance. Lunch was enjoyed at Hopkins Inn. Wave Hill Garden Highlights Tour, Bronx, NY, was our August destination. Plantsmanship, aesthetic sensibility and human experience of the natural environment are the horticultural emphasis of Wave Hill's 28 acres of gardens, grounds and woodland. A tour of Leslie Needham's Garden in River Hills, Bedford, NY, is planned for September.

Brewster-Carmel Late Spring and Summer were filled with activities: guided tours at TeaTown Reservation, conducted by volunteer Leah Kennell of New Horizon GC, and also at Wave Hill. Two scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors at Brewster High School and at Carmel High School. In August GC member Kathy Muetener conducted two workshops on creating hypertufa planters. The Brewster/Carmel GC will again host an information and sale table chaired by Rosaleen Byllaardt at the Brewster Village Founders' Day on September 24.

Lake Mahopac

New Horizons July's program 'What's New with NGC' was led by Jeanne Nelson. PLANT AMERICA, National's theme, has grants available to garden clubs who'd like to participate. In addition; New Horizons has been busy prepping for their upcoming show "Tropical Treasures" in August at Lasdon.

Section 2A Chris Wolff

Briarcliff Manor GC

Chappaqua GC members took advantage of the summer respite to attend to their own gardens. There was a garden oriented trip to Boscobel in July. The September membership meeting is an herb themed luncheon with Board members providing the food and recipes. Speaker Gini Mita presented "Baking, Cooking and Garnishing with Herbs and Edible Flowers".

Section 2B Mary Bailly

Green Acres GC

Hopp Ground GC We ended our calendar year with our Annual Luncheon at S. Salem Country Club with floral designer Danny Meyer making 10 different arrangements that were later raffled off. He was a wonder to watch and his humor kept us entertained. Our September kick-off meeting will be held at the Katonah Village Library's Garden Room where members & their guests can enjoy the beauty of the Serenity Garden, designed & installed by the club's site team as part of our Civic Beautification program. Member Brenda LaManna, international events designer, will demonstrate what's involved in the making of a very large floral arrangement.

Pound Ridge GC In July, Landscape Designer Lynn Becker gave us an informative presentation on what to plant and how to attract more birds and pollinators into our gardens. Our August meeting was an off-site trip to The Sweet Earth Co's extensive flower and herb garden in Pound Ridge. The owner Xenia D'Ambrosi gave an interesting 1-1 ½ hour tour of her property. September's meeting featured speaker Diane Lewis MD who discussed "The Great Healthy Yard"

Section 3 Yvonne Avant

Ardsley GC

GC of Dobbs Ferry In September we held our Welcome Back Luncheon on the porch of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.

Little Gardens of Tarrytown June Summer Soirée, husbands invited, 5 members enjoyed an evening of Brazilian Jazz on the following day at the new Jazz Forum in Tarrytown. Several members also attended the Newport Flower Show for an amazing day. In July, our member Jon Osterman, who heads our butterfly garden, reported that there were monarch eggs in the garden. He reported on the success of the garden at our September meeting. Also in July, the club board met to work on scheduling and a kick off meeting in September was planned. The club also created a Little Gardens Facebook page on which to list activities and messages to the community. Members took part in the Untermeyer Gardens Presidents Tour for an informative Sunday outing. It was outstanding, with the gardens beautiful and in full color. The month ended with plans for another successful Tag Sale.

Parkway Gardens July and August was spent weekly preparing for our Small Standard Flower Show: "A Celebration of Parks and Gardens," with a focus on "The Empire State Gardens." The show was presented on August 25, 2017 at The Greenburgh Town Hall. In September we were on to our next project where we started the process of collecting and drying flowers for creating centerpieces for the Annual Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Theodore Young Community Center in Greenburgh.

White Plains GC no activities to report. Will be meeting/planning in September.

Section 4 Suzanne Clephane

Boulder Ledge

Ceres GC of Rye In May Ceres created 40 hanging baskets that hang off the light poles in the shopping district of Rye just in time for the Memorial Day parade. This year were planted Supertunias Above and Beyond, using Vista Bubblegum, Vista Fuschia, and Vista Silverberry. They are spectacular, filled in beautifully, and are well cared for by our Department of Public Works. At the same time we planted million bells and angelonia at our Blue Star Memorial on the grounds of City Hall along the Boston Post Road. We did more plantings in the sundial garden at City Hall as well. We are planning our fund raiser for early October at the farmers' market in Rye, and we will send out more information about it later. Our first meeting of the new season will be September 12th, at which time we will plan our calendar for the year, find out how everyone's gardens did over the summer, and hold our annual election. Our October meeting will be dedicated to a workshop of Kokedama for our members. November and December's meetings will be spent making tray favors to be delivered by our local Meals on Wheels, and December will be our pot luck holiday luncheon.

As always, we will be creating projects with our local Senior Citizens using fresh and dried flowers, pumpkins and greens in October, December and March.

GC of Larchmont

Section 5 Mary Bowles and Yolanda Gorman

Baychester GC, GC City Island, GC New Rochelle,

Luther Burbank, GC,Manor Club of Pelham

Morsemere GC