

# GRAPEVINE

SUMMER  
2023  
9<sup>th</sup> District

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## Greetings Fellow Gardeners!

Happy Summer! It's been a rocky spring with summer-like weather followed by frost warnings. While I didn't know whether to wear a sweater or shorts, my garden is blooming despite my confusion.

Thank you to all who came to our spring installation luncheon to welcome the incoming Executive Committee and to express our appreciation for Rosemary Eshghi's leadership and dedication over the past eight years. The out-going Committee did a great job navigating our District through unprecedented times. As we move forward, we hope to continue to build on our past leaders' legacy.

I'm excited to work with our 9<sup>th</sup> District Garden Clubs. Our Executive Committee has already met to share ideas for possible projects that we hope will be fun and engaging for our members as well as good for the environment. At our June Board Meeting and July General Meeting I'd love to hear ideas from our members for District activities.

On May 23-26 in Hauppauge Long Island the Annual FGCNYS, Inc. Conference was held. This was the official installation of District Directors from across New York's 10 Districts. It was a pleasure to meet the other incoming Directors and to get words of encouragement and advice from the departing Directors. There were engaging speakers and great floral designs presented. But I'm really excited to bring back all of the awards the 9<sup>th</sup> District garnered! Spoiler Alert: There will be some flower show awards to hand out...

Finally, a big welcome to our new Grapevine Editor, Shannon Daugherty. Take a few minutes to read through and see all the interesting activities going on around our District.

Enjoy your summer and don't forget to stay hydrated!  
Jacqui Bergonzi



# Summer **IMPORTANT DATES** Summer

NGC offers Environmental, Gardening, and Flower Show School Classes all over the country!  
Check out the calendar here: <https://calendar.gardenclub.org/events/list/offerings>

<b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2023</b>	<b>Morsemere GC Flower Show</b>	
<b>June 12, 2023</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District Board Meeting 10 am</b>	<b>Muscoot Activities Bldg</b>
<b>June 16 &amp; 17, 2023</b>	<b>Briarcliff Manor GC Flower Show</b>	
<b>July 17, 2023</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District General Meeting Hosting: Section 4</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>August 7, 2023</b>	<b>Judges Council</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>August 18 &amp; 19, 2023</b>	<b>Brewster Carmel GC Flower Show</b>	
<b>September 11, 2023</b>	<b>Presidents' Luncheon</b>	<b>TBD</b>

For Newscape, The NGC LDS Newsletter, visit the NGC website and go to the Member Resources link at the bottom of the page. "Newscap" is listed with all the NGC publications. (<https://www.gardenclub.org/member-resources> )

[www.district9fgcnys.com](http://www.district9fgcnys.com) - for 9<sup>th</sup> District news, events and updates

[www.fgcnys.com](http://www.fgcnys.com) – for what's happening around NYS

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) – for national events and The National Gardener magazine



## ACTIVITIES : June, July, August

### Section 1: Trina Hiemcke, Chair

**Brewster Carmel** We just finished up our perennial and annual plant sale. Both were very successful. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we are taking a field trip to Wethersfield Estate and Gardens in Amenia. Our June and July meetings will focus on preparations for our flower show in August. Our June meeting will focus on the principles and elements of design. Our July meeting will focus on preparing horticulture for the flower show.

**Lake Mahopac** June – We enjoyed a picnic and business meeting at Mary Ragonesi's home on South Lake Blvd. Mary has ample patio room to sit, eat, and enjoy the moment! The program was “Reflective Design Demonstration.” Five of our members submitted designs. July – Our Annual Luncheon and business meeting will be held at Rose Runco's home. Since we successfully had our luncheon catered last year, we are doing the same for this year. There will be an induction of new members. Following that, all members will work on a Petite Design. Flowers will be provided by the club. August - Our Annual Herb Luncheon, as usual, will be hosted by Anne Gagliardi. Each member must bring a covered dish and be ready to discuss the herb they chose to add to it. Following the important (and serious) business of eating, we will be treated to a tour of Anne's flower gardens.

**Peekskill** At our April meeting, Kay Barthelmes of the Peekskill Conservation Advisory Council spoke to us about the newly established food scrap recycling program in Peekskill. We held our annual plant sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 under the Pavilion at Peekskill Riverfront Green. Included in our sale were herbs, vegetables and annuals started by the students at Peekskill's Woodside Elementary School. Some of our members enjoyed the recent 9th District program “Wildlife Friendly Plants and Their Rivals,” and we have arranged for Debbie Dolan of the Hudson River Audubon Society to give the presentation at our June 6 meeting. We are looking forward to our annual BBQ in July.

**Yorktown**

### Section 2A: Marj Trainor, Chair

**Briarcliff Manor**

**Chappaqua** The Chappaqua Garden Club is on hiatus for the summer, and we will resume our general meetings with guest lectures in the fall.

### Section 2B: Mary Bailly, Chair

**Hopp Ground** Members of the Hopp Ground GC have started work on our 6 civic beautification sites. Our members will be working hard weeding and watering our sites throughout the summer. We wrap up our year with our annual luncheon. Our speaker for the luncheon will speak on the topic of container gardening. In September we will kick off another year of gardening with a meeting and presentation by a speaker.

**Pound Ridge** In July, our club will host a local floral designer. Her topic will be “European Design.” Our August meeting will be via zoom. Our topic will be “Climate Change in NY State.” Our speaker will be Anthony Antes, Master Gardener. Free and open to the public. Registration required at Pound Ridge Garden Club.com In September, our club will host Jacqui Bergonzi, Master Gardener and 9th District Director. Her topic will be “Putting the Garden to Bed: Environmentally Friendly Fall Cleanup.”



### **Section 3: Yvonne Avant, Chair**

**Ardasley** Our Spring Plant sale was a qualified success! The idea of pre-ordering would have gone better if three of the types of flowers had not been in short supply and caused confusions and delays. It was a good way for the community to know the AGC better as an out-reach event. We even got a new member. The club also was able to buy and help install flowers to beautify the Little League field on Heatherdell Road for opening day. We continue adding pollinators to the library garden which looks quite lovely now. Many people are asking what happened to their hydrangea plants – the bitter cold snap in our mild winter killed off many of the stalks. Cut back the dead ones as new growth comes from the bottom. Eventually they will recover. Plans for new planting in other areas are in the works.

**Dobbs Ferry** A Centennial Luncheon at the end of May will celebrate our 100th year milestone. With past members traveling from afar, our GCDF Theatre Group, silent auction items, flowers from the GCDF floral design team, Life Member inductees Keiko Hirano and Kathy Sundaram, Honorary Chairwoman Jean MacIntosh, historical memorabilia, display of our 100th Anniversary Book Project, and a presentation by Master Floral Designer Tom Cawley, we look forward to a festive day! On this occasion, we wish to express our gratitude to the larger organizations of the 9<sup>th</sup> District and FGCNYS. Your long history of support and collaboration has helped us to get here. A big thanks to all. We follow in June with our end of year meeting and planning session with a potluck luncheon. Then we adjourn for July and August resuming our meetings and programs in September.

**Little Gardens of Tarrytown** We've been busy planting in Neperan Park and Patriots Park in time for Memorial Day Services. We received a \$250 Ames Tools grant and launched a website (finally!). Looking forward to some field trips and summer soirees. Village approval was received to proceed with a park bench in Patriots Park in honor of long-time member Beverly Jansen who passed in November 2022.

**Parkway Gardens/Homes** We had a successful Open House and continue to welcome new members to our Club. During our annual perennial plant sale, held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 123 South Road in White Plains, we will have a container planting demonstration by our member, Master Gardener Linda Bradshaw. Plans are progressing along for our Flower Show in early September.

### **Section 4: Gloria Bisaccia, Chair**

**Boulder Ledge** BLGC is on hiatus for the summer.

**Larchmont**

### **Section 5: Kathy Ennis, Chair**

**City Island** The Garden Club of City Island was pleased that its efforts in the spring had such great results in June. Members had installed “Cotton Candy” pansies, “Chrystal White” alyssum, and curly willow in our 27 containers that line City Island Avenue in March (see photo p 10). By June, the plants overflowed the containers, creating a beautiful display. In June, the pansies were replaced with heat-tolerant plants, which complemented the existing alyssum and should last well into the fall. At our post office garden, the clematis panniculata, which we planted in May, has begun to climb the fence and should provide a mass of flowers later in the season. We composted and mulched the post office flower borders, which are full of perennials – hostas, chrysanthemums, and daylilies. Installation of officers was held at our July meeting at City Island Yacht Club and was followed by a casual Members' Lunch.

**Luther Burbank**

**New Rochelle**

**Morsemere** The Morsemere Garden Club continues to prepare for our NGC Small Standard Flower Show “Time Flies,” taking place June 9 and 10 at Sherwood House Museum. Built in 1740, Sherwood House is one of the few furnished pre-Revolutionary War tenant farmhouses in the metropolitan area. Currently owned by the Yonkers Historical Society, it was opened as a museum in 1962 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. In other news, this year the Club awarded two scholarships to Yonkers graduating seniors who show interest and involvement in areas such as horticulture, landscape architecture, and green technology. Award winners Annabelle Bradley and Sophia Lopez have volunteered in environmental and gardening activities, including bringing activities to their high schools, and will pursue college degrees in plant or environmental sciences. July and August will see the Club maintaining the Blue Star Memorial container garden at the Yonkers waterfront and the ever-expanding Hudson River Museum Garden (see photo p 10).

## *Calendar of Events: June, July, August, September*

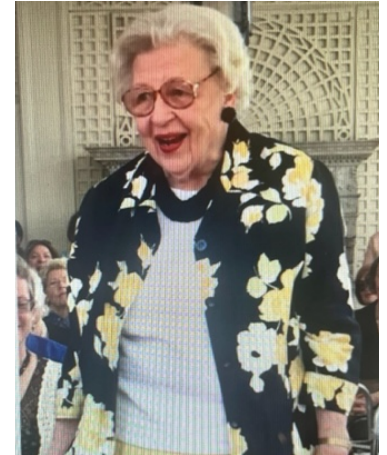
<b>Now-September 17, 2023</b>	<b>NYBG ... things come to thrive ... in the shedding ... in the molting</b> Enjoy the beauty of exotic flora and garden-inspired installations by celebrated contemporary artist Ebony G. Patterson. <a href="https://www.nybg.org/event/ebony-g-patterson/">https://www.nybg.org/event/ebony-g-patterson/</a>
<b>Summer 2023</b>	<b>Walking Garden Tours of Lasdon Gardens</b> <a href="http://www.lasdonpark.org">www.lasdonpark.org</a> Great walking tours of the various gardens at Lasdon Park continue on Sundays during the summer
<b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2023</b>	<b>Morsemere Garden Club Flower Show</b> "Time Flies" Friday, June 9, 1:30-4:30 and Saturday, June 10, 11-1 Sherwood House Museum 340 Tuckahoe Rd Yonkers, NY
<b>June 12, 2023</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District Board Meeting</b> 10 am Muscoot Farm Activities Building
<b>June 16 &amp; 17, 2023</b>	<b>Briarcliff Manor Garden Club Flower Show</b> "A Garden Party" Briarcliff Manor Public Library William J. Vescio Community Center
<b>June 23-25, 2023</b>	<b>Newport Flower Show</b> "The Grand Tour"
<b>July 17, 2023</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District General Meeting</b>
<b>August 7, 2023</b>	<b>Judges Council Meeting</b>
<b>August 14, 2023</b>	<b>Pound Ridge GC</b> 10 am via Zoom. "Climate Change in NY State," Anthony Antes, Master Gardener. Free and open to the public. Registration required at <a href="http://Pound Ridge Garden Club.com">Pound Ridge Garden Club.com</a>
<b>August 18 &amp; 19, 2023</b>	<b>Brewster Carmel Garden Club Flower Show</b> "Summer Reading" Friday, August 18, 2-4 and Saturday, August 19, 10-3 Trinity Lutheran Church Brewster, NY
<b>September 11, 2023</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District Presidents' Luncheon</b>



# IN MEMORY ...

## MARY BOWLES

Mary Frances Bowles passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, after a year's battle with cancer. She was born in New Rochelle and graduated from The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, Marymount Junior College in Arlington, VA., and Iona College in New Rochelle. After college, she worked for Young and Rubican before moving to San Francisco with Skidmore and Merrill Architects and then back to New York to Picker Xray who transferred her to London. While in England she met and married her husband, John H. Bowles, to whom she was married for almost fifty years. After several years, they moved back to the US where she worked for IBM. Mary spent many volunteer hours helping out at the Hope Kitchen, knitting for the Pregnancy Care Center, and with the Alter Guild at Holy Family Church. When she retired, she spent time as an officer in the New Rochelle Garden Club and NYS Federation of Garden Clubs. She was a National Garden Club Accredited Judge and an officer of the District and Judges Council.



*From Gloria Bisaccia -*

As Chairperson of World Gardening since 2009, I've encouraged clubs and members to contribute to 9th District's world gardening projects of Water for South Sudan and Dig Deep. We've won awards for our outstanding efforts due in large part through annual substantial gifts from an "anonymous" donor. Her only request was that the Garden Club of New Rochelle receive credit for her donations.

It is only now with the passing of this benevolent woman that I feel moved to reveal her name - Mary Bowles. Mary loved her association with the 9th District — as a former director, judge, and executive advisor, she inspired us all to get involved and relied heavily on "Robert's Rules of Order" to conduct meetings in a proper format . . . and with a sense of humor.

We have all been gifted by your presence, Mary, and express our deep well of gratitude for the ways you've given to meet the needs of our shared humanity.

Rest in peace, dear friend!

## BARBARA SCHAEFER

Barbara Eileen Schaefer passed away peacefully on May 1, 2023. She was 81 years old. Barbara was a lifelong native of New York. She put aside a career in nursing early in life to concentrate on being a loving wife and mother to her husband, Waldemar Schaefer, and their five children. Barbara was a kind, caring, and humorous person. Besides spending time with her family, Barbara enjoyed gardening. That passion was shared with her husband. She was a member and president of Mahopac's garden club for many years. She had also been a member of Westtown Presbyterian Church.

*From Phyllis Hoenig, Barbara's fellow Lake Mahopac GC member -*

Our dear friend and member, Barbara Schaefer, died on May 1, 2023. Her demeanor bore that of a lady of elegance, and she had a lovely sense of humor. She had been a member of the LMGC since 1986 and was our president in 94-96 and 2012.

Barbara was very talented in design. She had the magic touch. Give her the basics and she could make it into something exquisite. She became a master flower show judge and a horticulture judge and was very involved with the 9<sup>th</sup> District Club. As long as she was able to, she judged flower shows. She was also the Chairperson for the Grapevine for years, and when she gave that up, was made the Awards Chairperson for the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Barbara took her duties seriously and whomever she worked for they were rewarded with a job expertly done.

We will miss you.

## YEARBOOK AWARDS ...

It is time to make plans to submit yearbooks for further judging if you would like your Yearbook to be considered for an award.

### Single Member Yearbook Award, YB-1

As the Yearbook Awards Chair for the 9th District, I will be coordinating the evaluation and judging of each Yearbook submitted. Your Yearbook is evaluated according to the evaluation criteria (<https://www.fgcny.com/AwardsandForms.html>) by a panel of 3 judges.

To be considered, please send me the following information:

- Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. Awards Application 2021-2023 Form
- Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Awards Application 2021-2023 Form
- 4 copies of your Yearbook

Send your information by **May 29** to:

Roxane Wasserman  
14 Samuel Dann Way  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

If you have any questions, please email me at [roxanemw@gmail.com](mailto:roxanemw@gmail.com) or call me at 914-764-9393.

Thank you,  
Roxane Wasserman  
Yearbook Awards Chair, 9th District

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YEARBOOK

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SERVICE

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[NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS HANDBOOK](#)

# *THE 9<sup>th</sup> IN VIEW*

## Hopp Ground Garden Club “And Away We Go” Flower Show

Hopp Ground GC presented a beautiful flower show on April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
at the Katonah Village Library







## Garden Club of City Island Container Garden



## Morsemere GC Garden at Hudson River Museum

