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9th District

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9th District Minutes...

The complete 9th District minutes are on the 9th District website. Just click "For Members Only", password "Lasdon" then click on "9th District Minutes". Or simply click on this link <http://www.district9fgcnys.com/For-Members-Only.html>

Here is a short recap of January's meeting: 22 members were in attendance. > *Flower Show School II* scheduled for March 27, 28 and 29, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Chappaqua. If you're interested in attending; contact Chris Wolff at ckwolff37@gmail.com. There's still a little time left to sit in on these great lectures.

> *9th District Flower Show 2018*. A few items discussed were venue, theme, designs, signage and committees. Volunteers are always needed when the district/garden club puts on a flower show. How can you participate in District 9's upcoming show? Volunteer to sign up with a friend and don't forget to enter the Design and Horticulture Sections.

> "Unsung Heroes of our Garden" presented by Courtney Rothaus of the Rye Nature Center located in Rye, NY. Courtney showed us a few garden variety "Weeds" that are not only delicious to eat but nutritious as well. With the help of her assistant, Annette, they made a poultice for achy muscles using the needles and small stems of our eastern white pine, *Pinus strobus*.



“SAVE THESE DATES...”

SPRING

Sunday, 4.15.18 - Tuesday, 4.17.18

FGCNYS SPRING CONFERENCE

**Binghamton, NY at the
Doubletree by Hilton**

SPRING

May 14, 2018

**District Annual Spring Luncheon
Mount Kisco Country Club**

More Details to follow

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!

Details on the FGCNYS website



DESIGNERS WANTED... The Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum are holding a fundraising event coinciding with the Summer Solstice in June 2018. Twenty designers are encouraged to “donate” a design that will be auctioned off at this event. Money collected from the designs will be used to offset the cost of new exhibits for the Conservatory. Participating designers will receive complimentary tickets to the event or complimentary tickets to the conservatory. Anyone interested in participating in this fundraising event; please contact Susan Trager at suzy.trager@gmail.com

DATES & INFO

March 12, 2018 9th District Board Meeting Lasdon
 Please email board reports to suzy.trager@gmail.com and nannicarol1@gmail.com

March 27, 28 & 29, 2018 FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE II Registration Deadline March 1, 2018
 Options available: One day, two days, test or no test Contact: Chris Wolff, Registrar at 914.923.3238
<http://www.district9fgcnys.com/FSSCourseIItrifoldMar2018.pdf>

May 21-24, 2018 NGC Convention Philadelphia, PA

SPRING PLANT & FLOWER SALES- SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW CLUBS

Saturday, May 5	Garden Club of Dobbs Ferry	Waterfront Park at Dobbs Ferry Train Station	9 am
Saturday, May 12	BMGC's Plant & White Elephant Sale	Wells Fargo Bank's Parking Lot	9am-1 pm
Friday, May 11	Chappaqua Garden Club Plant Sale	Chappaqua Train Station	8 am-2 pm
Saturday May 12			8 am-12 pm
Saturday, May 12	The Garden Club of Yorktown (support local beautification)	Suburban Wines in Yorktown	8 am-2 pm
Saturday, June 2	Parkway Gardens/Parkway Homes GC Contact: Gwen Cort: 914-428-8513	123 South Road, White Plains	8 am-4 pm

June 22

Newport Flower Show

June 22

\$60

Bus & Ticket

\$60

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\$60

For more info: ckwolff37@gmail.com

Bus departs 7 am sharp Friday, June 22 from Chappaqua

9th DISTRICT CALENDAR MARCH, APRIL, MAY

MARCH

- 5** GC of Larchmont 1:00 pm Larchmont Ave. Church
Pam Wright of Terraria NY "How to assemble your Terrarium" presentation. Bring your own terrarium. Reservations essential
- 14** Briarcliff Manor GC 1:00 pm
"Unfussy Native Plants for your Garden" with Michael Hagen, NYBG's Curator of the Native Plant Garden and Rock Garden. A slide show presentation
- 19** New Horizons 10-12 pm Lasdon Park & Arboretum
Table Design Workshop Flower with Jeanne Nelson register w/suzy.trager@gmail.com **Fee: \$10**
- 20** Hopp Ground Membership Open Meeting
Ellen Ecker Ogden Special guest speaker and author presenting a program on "The Kitchen Garden."

April

- 5** GC of Dobbs Ferry The Church of St Barnabas
15 N. Broadway in Irvington. Speaker: Ken Greene, founder of Hudson Valley Seed Company; contact gardenclubofdobbsferry@gmail.com for more information
- 9** New Horizons GC 10-12 pm Lasdon Park & Arboretum
Botanical Workshop or Lecture email: suzy.trager@gmail.com **Fee TBD**
- 12** GC of Dobbs Ferry 1 pm Dobbs Ferry Historical Society
Lecture with Kim Eierman on Replacing the Green Desert: Native Plant Alternatives to Turf. 12 Elm Street
Contact gardenclubofdobbsferry@gmail.com for more information **Free**
- 18** Chappaqua GC 7 p.m. Chappaqua Library
Noted rose expert Teresa Mosher will present her "Easy Rose Care" program and book signing of "A Year in my Rose Garden" and the accompanying journal. *We welcome district members to attend this special event.*
- 21** Little Gardens of Tarrytown Celebrating Earth Day Weekend 9am to noon Neperan Park
We will be doing maintenance at the Native and Butterfly Gardens corner of Grove and Neperan
The public is encouraged to come out to help us in our activities. Contact: Kim Waddell, waddellkim05@gmail.com or 914-625-8814.

May

- 10** GC of Dobbs Ferry 1pm Dobbs Ferry Historical Society
Lecture on Westchester Land Trust no fee 12 Elm Street
Contact gardenclubofdobbsferry@gmail.com for more information
- 11** GC of Dobbs Ferry 10am Firehouse (Main Street, Dobbs Ferry)
Senior Garden therapy session-Senior Week no fee
contact gardenclubofdobbsferry@gmail.com
- 14** 9th District Spring Annual Luncheon Mount Kisco Country Club Mount Kisco, NY
- 16** Chappaqua GC 12:45 pm First Congregational Church, Chappaqua
Deborah Taft, owner of Möbius Fields, a small scale organic mixed vegetable farm in Westchester, will share her expertise on growing tomatoes.
- 17** GC of City Island Annual Luncheon 12 noon \$60 City Island Yacht Club
Call Vivi McGuire 718-885-1442 63 Pilot Street, Bronx, NY

ACTIVITIES : JANUARY - MARCH

Section 1: Joan Bradley, Chair

Brewster Carmel: The January break was welcomed after a holiday season of decorating: the historic Walter Brewster House, a Christmas tree in the Putnam Hospital Center, and wreaths for the Veterans Homes. The Christmas Luncheon included an auction of table arrangements designed by members to raise additional funds for The Water For South Sudan project. In February Pam Wright of the Ninth District demonstrated the preparation of Kokedama, a Japanese Moss Ball. Using small plants, each attendee created a Kokedama in an atmosphere of friendship and a touch of humor. Thanks, Pam. The club will again participate in the Carmel Rotary Club's Basketball Shoot-Out fundraiser, which will help support the club's Scholarship Fund. The Flower Show committee will begin meeting to plan for a September, 2019 show. Election of officers will be held at the Annual Meeting in March. The installation will be conducted by Ninth District Director Carol Della Femina at the April Spring Luncheon to be held at the Centennial Golf Club in Carmel.

Lake Mahopac: Program: discussed and finalized our bi-laws. Two members brought examples of "Reflective Designs on Tables" for discussion Our Club, as a civic duty, in cooperation with the Mahopac Friends of the Library, held a Flower Arranging Workshop at the Library on March 29th. Donna Reilly was our designer. **April-** Program: *Gardening in Small Places*, presented by the CCE Dutchess County. Horticulture: We visited member Wanda Finger's delightful shade garden (in the woods) one afternoon. Our field trip took us to Bristol, CT to the CT Cactus & Succulent Society Show. **May-** Program: *Senior Gardening*. A discussion about tools that make your gardening chores easier to do. Presenter was Wanda Finger. Design: "Tray For One." Horticulture: Anne Gagliardi gave a very interesting review, at her home, on Micro Greens Growing Year Long. Her interest grew out of healthy eating. EXTRA EXTRA! Our Club won a national award for our "April in Paris," *Standard Flower Show in a Public Building!*

New Horizons: February's workshop on Petite Design by Leah Kennell was very well received. Creative and innovative; participants worked in "micro-size" 3 inches or less with an assortment of dried flowers to bring home their own miniature arrangement.

Peekskill:

Yorktown: In January members visited Magazzino Italian Art Gallery in Cold Spring, NY, to see post-war and contemporary Italian art. Lunch followed at Brasserie Le Bouchonin in Cold Spring. The Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford, CT, was the club's February destination. A business meeting to plan annual plant sale and 2018 events will be held in March at Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown. A speaker will present at the John C. Hart Library, Shrub Oak in March.

Section 2A: Chris Wolff, Chair

Briarcliff Manor: January - No Meeting February 14th - We had a Valentine's Day themed meeting. The program was "A Queen's Garden". We watched a video documentary presentation of a year in Buckingham Palace Gardens, exploring the history and this remarkable hidden royal treasure in the center of London. March 14th - We will have a St Patrick's Day themed lunch. The program will be "Unfussy Native Plants for Your Garden". Presenter, Michael Hagen, NYBG's Curator of the Native Plant Garden and Rock Garden, has previously served as Staff Horticulturist for Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, NY and Garden Manager at Rocky Hills in Mount Kisco. Michael will present a slide show presentation

Chappaqua was unable to present its program in January due to inclement weather, and does not have a general meeting in February for that reason! In March landscape designer Richard Rosiello gave his insights on designing with perennials for color, texture and bloom. He also answered questions on perennial care for maximal results.

Section 2B: Mary Bailly, Chair

Green Acres:

Hopp Ground:

Pound Ridge:

Section 3: Yvonne Avant, Chair

Ardsey: No report

Dobbs Ferry: Nick Storrs from Lyndhurst spoke at our January meeting on starting seeds and propagating plants. In February we listened to Rob Handel, a chef, on cooking with wild edibles. On Valentine's Day, we worked with the seniors in creating floral arrangements. In March we had a luncheon to just sit and catch up with our members.

Parkway Gardens/Homes: There were no general meetings during the months of January & February. Our monthly meetings resumed in March where we started to plan activities for the year.

Little Gardens of Tarrytown: In January we had our board meeting to plan the year. This was followed a week later by "Movie Night," where we watched an episode of Rosemary & Thyme. Although we received notification that we weren't selected for a NGC Plant America grant, our village is still committed to assisting us with a scaled-back vision of our application. We had to cancel our regularly scheduled February meeting due to snow and ice. However, we were able to schedule it for later in the month where we conducted our annual review of our accomplishments, elicited feedback and conducted elections. We had Deb Taft from Mobius speak at our March meeting. She is a regular to the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Farmers Market and specializes in herbs and veggies.

White Plains: nothing to report

Section 4: Suzanne Clephane, Chair

Boulder Ledge: Our February meeting was held at a member's home. The speaker, 9th District Chairman, Pam Wright, discussed the process of hosting a flower show as well as the recently revised flower show guidelines. It was most informative! In March, we held our Annual Open Meeting at the Bronxville Library. The guest speaker was Marta McDowell known for her lectures on landscape design at New York Botanical Garden and the many books she has written. Our April meeting was spent doing our usual spring clean-up and planning at Bicentennial park.

Ceres of Rye

Larchmont

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Section 5: Mary Bowles & Yolanda Gorman, Chairs

Baychester:

City Island: At our February general membership meeting each committee met to start making plans for the upcoming year. The Beautification Committee began the process of organizing our annual fund-raising campaign in which we send letters to every residence and business on the island soliciting donations for our planting and clean-up projects. The letters were printed in March, ready to be delivered. Approximate dates were set for putting spring plants into the 32 containers on City Island Avenue. Our Annual Luncheon Committee chose "Spring Bouquet" as the theme for the luncheon and began assignments for all the tasks that need to get done to create a great luncheon. We have a new committee for Special Projects which is charged with working on grants and other special projects. Applications were sent in for two grants, one for taking care of the selected trees and tree pits on the Avenue and the other for upgrading the Post Office garden. Wish us luck! Our Program Committee continued its work on spreading information about New York City's composting program in which yard and kitchen waste is collected by the Sanitation Department and composted in Staten Island. A trip to the Great Kills processing plant is being contemplated.

Luther Burbank:

New Rochelle:

Manor Club of Pelham:

Morsemere: A formal club meeting was not scheduled in January but members met at Philipse Manor Hall to remove and store the holiday decorations. In February the club meeting was hosted in the home of Roseline Morandin. Nathan Hunter delivered a very informative presentation on Groundwork Hudson Valley's Healthy Communities Initiative. Mary Vecchione hosted the March meeting in her home. The meeting included a workshop which created spring favors for Rosary Hill. Additionally members thoroughly enjoyed and gained knowledge, from a flower design demonstration presented by Pam Wright.

9TH DISTRICT 2018 FLOWER SHOWS (so far...)

May 11 th -12 th	"Living with Color"	Ardley GC	
May 16-19 th		Lake Mahopac	
June 1- 3	"Verse and Verdure"	New Horizons	Lasdon Park & Arboretum
June 8 th -9 th		Briarcliff Manor GC	Atria on the Hudson
September 28 th -29 th	"The Big Apple"	Pound Ridge GC	

Dear Members:

Here is the latest issue of the Grapevine. If there is information missing; I apologize. I had a total hip replacement, February 21. For those who sent in their information-thank you. For those who did not; I will not be adding anything this issue and for those I left out; I am sincerely sorry. The next Grapevine deadline will be posted on the 9th District website along with the template you should use for submissions. If you use this template it is easier and more accurate for me to compile your clubs information. Many hours go in to the Grapevine each quarter. Your understanding and patience is appreciated.

Thank you;
Suze Trager