

GRAPPEVINE

**WINTER
2018
9th District**

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9th District Happenings...

Season's Greetings...

Walking into many stores these last few weeks I've noticed that the holidays are getting pushed upon us earlier and earlier. Leaves are still on the ground and my garden has been overrun by stilt grass and weeds! Yet; I'm planning for 2019 – what seeds to purchase and plants to place (even though I still have 10 waiting to go in the ground). Gardening is an obsession that has developed over the years. I can't wait for the next catalog and search the internet for ideas on "changing" my garden. I always felt that the winter months were meant for spring planning. According to Shiatsu (a form of eastern medicine) "The three months of winter are called the period of closing and storing. People should retire early at night and rise late in the morning, and they should wait for the rising of the sun. They should repress and conceal their wishes, as though they had no internal purpose, as though they have been fulfilled. (Yellow Emperor's Classic)." Sounds like a wonderful an alternative way to enjoy the winter months for 2019. Not sure I can do that...

Editor, Susan Trager

The complete 9th District minutes are available 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>

*****WINTER DATES **IMPORTANT** WINTER DATES*****

November 15

Holiday Showcase – 9th District

The Larchmont Shore Club
\$60 P/P

contact: rosemaryeshghi@gmail.com
send registration to: M. Delano
1486 Pleasantville Rd
Briarcliff, NY 10510

December 5

Muscoot: Board Meeting & Wreath Drop off

10 am

January 14

**General Meeting & Elections
Site: TBD**

10 am

ACTIVITIES : OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2018

Section 1: Trina Hiemcke, Chair

***Brewster Carmel:** After having a summer break in August, the club got back together in September to a presentation from the Native Plant Center at WCC. October was a busy month for us. Two of our members conducted a wreath workshop for twenty of our members. We had a dedication of a Blue Star By-Way Marker in Carmel which was well attended in spite of the rain. We also held the first of our flower show committee meetings. The flower show is scheduled for September 2019. Currently, we are preparing for our joint meeting with the Lake Mahopac Garden Club in November and holiday decorating in December.

***Lake Mahopac: October** – The program for our monthly meeting was “Bonkers about Begonias” presented by an enthusiastic begonia lady, Chris Ferraro, Master Gardener. On the 20th we held our major fund raiser of the year, “Tea at Sleepy Hollow.” Attendees were encouraged to dress in Halloween costume. Witches were observed mixing with the crowd in a very civilized manner. Tea sandwiches, scones, and delectable desserts were served by volunteers from three of our local high schools. Music was provided by a quartet from the Westchester/Putnam Youth Symphony. **November** – The Bi-Club Meeting and Luncheon with the Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will be held in the Mahopac Library. The Program Presenter is Danny Meyers, and his (always) lovely flower arrangements will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. **December** – Our Wreath-Making Workshop will be in the Mahopac Library. Donna Reilly, along with LMGC volunteers, will be there to give instructions. The Holiday Party will be hosted by member Rose Runco in her beautiful home in Mahopac. We will be bringing grab bag gifts for members, but also Christmas gifts for Children in Need through Putnam County Children's Committee.

***New Horizons:** New Horizons has been busy planning for 2019! Exciting hands-on workshops (petite, botanical, etc) and power points to help you navigate and get the most out of 9th, FGCNYS and National websites. Happy Holidays and see you in 2019!!!

***Peekskill:** In October, the Club held an outreach meeting at the Peekskill Library. The public was invited to this meeting where we introduce the Club and have a speaker. This year, Kirk Muldof, a local historian gave a slide program entitled "Lost Annsville". Annsville was a commercial area along the river which has disappeared over the years. November's meeting was held at Lasdon's new Conservatory and the group toured the facility. November is also a time to remember to decorate the Blue Stone memorial for Veteran's Day. In December members made and delivered wreaths to the public buildings in the area. We topped off the year with our annual Christmas Tea and a collection for World Gardening.

***Yorktown:** Our annual luncheon in October was held at the delightful home of a member who, despite a tornado, lots of rain and power outages, welcomed us into his magical garden. After a business meeting and annual elections, we were educated by two committed and knowledgeable residents of our town on the importance of proper tree laws and enforcing signage laws in Yorktown. Maintenance of town gardens continues. Holiday wreath making at town hall was held in December. Members brought greens, clippers, gloves and holiday cheer to construct wreaths for local town buildings and veterans. A holiday luncheon followed.

Section 2A: Chris Wolff, Chair

***Briarcliff Manor:** On Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 our members Silke, Susan and Barbara conducted a workshop, working with beautiful blooms and lots of botanical, autumn texture. Each member went home their own crafted centerpiece. Briarcliff Manor Garden Club had a very successful Fall Fundraiser luncheon held on October 24, 2018 at Mount Kisco Country Club with floral designer Danny Meyer. Thursday, November 29th, 2018 we will be having a Holiday Wreath Workshop –10am-12pm at the Briarcliff Manor Youth Center.

***Chappaqua:** The club had two speaker presentations, Missy Fabel in October on the native plant garden which was installed at Horace Greeley High School, and Madeline Yanni in November, who presented a "Winter Wonderland" demonstration of botanical crafts using natural materials. The club also had a members only Thanksgiving Centerpiece workshop and a Holiday Lunch in December. Additionally, members met the last week in November to prepare and sell wreaths.

Section 2B: Mary Baily, Chair

Green Acres:

Hopp Ground:

***Pound Ridge:** In October George von Tobel, floral designer and lecturer at McArdle's Florist and Garden Center of Greenwich, Ct gave a presentation on floral designs for the holidays which included ideas for our Thanksgiving and Christmas tablescape. The arrangements were auctioned off to members after the meeting. On October 16th our club traveled to Wave Hill for a guided tour of the property followed by a docent-led tour of the art museum which featured botanical art. In November we have our members-only annual senior outreach project followed by our general meeting and a luncheon at a private residence. In December we have a holiday greens workshop in which we make swags to decorate the street signs in town for the holidays. This is followed by our general meeting and a luncheon.

Section 3: Yvonne Avant, Chair

***Ardsey:** Many members participated in the 9th District Flower Show, "An Autumn Palette." The Ardsley Garden Club has also been busy planting daffodil bulbs in and around the pollinator plant America garden at the Village Library. Members helped at the Silliman Gateway Park at the corner of 9A on Ashford Avenue. Spring is going to be really beautiful in 2019. November 4th the Oktoberfest German Dinner was held as a fundraiser for our Club and the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club ... it was a great success and lots of hard work. November 14th Sandy Morrissey gave a talk on the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and how it migrates in several generations from Mexico up into North America and back again. We had our delicious holiday luncheon at Buon Amici in Hartsdale in December

***Dobbs Ferry:** In October the Garden Club of Dobbs Ferry took a field trip to The Russel Wright Design Center at Manitoga in Garrison NY. We had a guided tour of the woodland garden and home of American industrial designer Russel Wright. Later in the month we worked with the senior citizens in Dobbs Ferry helping them make Fall arrangements that they were able to take home. In November Linda Ostro from the Riverkeeper spoke to us about the intersection between our landscape and the Hudson River, and how we can be stewards of this important natural resource. We finished out the year by decorating wreaths for the village of Dobbs Ferry and Montrose. We also made packages of homemade cookies and little centerpieces for Meals on Wheels to deliver to shut-ins in the Rivertowns.

***Parkway Gardens/Homes:** Club members met in November to design centerpieces which were then donated to the Theodore D. Young Community Center in Greenburgh for their annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Our last community event of the year was at The Grove at Valhalla Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Valhalla. We had a wonderful time with the residents as we worked together in creating holiday arrangements for their rooms.

***Little Gardens of Tarrytown:** We had talks on Permaculture and Mushrooms for our fall home meetings. A successful tag sale / fundraiser took place in October, as did more plantings and garden maintenance at the Neperan Park native gardens. The Blue Star installation occurred as part of Veteran's Day Services at Patriots' Park, Sleepy Hollow, on the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. Poinsettia delivery to Hospice patients and wreath decorating / delivery to village sites and veterans occurred in December, as well as a lovely holiday party at a club member's home.

White Plains: nothing to report

Section 4: Suzanne Clephane, Chair

Boulder Ledge:

Ceres of Rye

Larchmont

Section 5: Mary Bowles & Yolanda Gorman, Chairs

Baychester:

***City Island:** In October, 20 members and friends of the Garden club of City Island were given a tour of the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills (Sleepy Hollow), NY. The tour was followed by a delicious buffet lunch prepared by the Blue Hill Café, part of the Center's well-known partner restaurant Blue Hill at Stone Barns, where the focus is on the concept of "farm to table" cuisine with an emphasis on produce from the Center's fields and pastures. Our November meeting featured a presentation on Flower Arranging by Nancy White of the Flower Bar in Larchmont. The week after Thanksgiving, members met for our annual early-winter activity: constructing Christmas wreaths to be hung in our public spaces. In December's monthly meeting, Trevor Hall, certified arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts, gave us a presentation on Tree Care and answered individual questions about specific issues in our own gardens. On December 7, we held our members' Christmas luncheon at Artie's Restaurant on City Island. This winter we also refurbished the planter boxes along City Island Avenue with winter foliage, pinecones, and other natural materials.

Luther Burbank

***New Rochelle:** Oct: Historic Notes: Glen Island Casino by Gigi Carnes -November: Create a Victorian Tussie Mussie by Judie Phillips-Wreath-making - 20 wreaths for our 9th District contribution. December Visiting Nurse Baskets organized by Susie McEvoy and Fran Vettorino Silent Auction Fundraiser organized by Catherine McSweeney The GCNR cleaned up two of its gardens: the Huguenot Children's Library and The Shakespeare Garden

Manor Club of Pelham:

***Morsemere:** In mid-October the members enjoyed the late season blooms in the Rose Garden at the NY Botanical Gardens. Additionally, members were treated to lunch and shopping on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx.

As an additional activity in October members toured the High Line in NYC and gained a totally new perspective of the city.

To begin the month of November members traveled to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to take in the Delacroix exhibit and to enjoy lunch in the Met's dining room. Pam Wright helped the members to create Terrariums at the November meeting, hosted by Laurie O'Donnell and Marie Peluso at Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers. Members also started to prepare for Christmas by refurbishing the decorations which will adorn Philipse Manor Hall during the holidays. Members attended the 9th District Holiday Floral Showcase and Luncheon, held at the Larchmont Shore Club, to enjoy the floral design talent of Mary Lynn McRee.

In early December the members returned to Philipse Manor Hall to decorate for the holidays in the style of the original Dutch residents and decorated wreaths for the Veterans' Wreath Collection. Members held their annual Christmas Party at Zuppa's in Yonkers in early December and enjoyed a delicious dinner and a fun gift swap.

At the December club meeting the members held a fundraising Boutique Auction of new and nearly new items. A nominating committee for new officers was also formed. Following the meeting an elegant luncheon was prepared by the hostess Beth Fitzgerald and Co-hostesses Carol Herrion and Maureen Smith.

Calendar of Events for January, February and March 2019

- Nov 14** Annual Therapy Meeting Luther Burbank GC
Packaging and labeling donations for St. John's Riverside hospital patients
- Nov 28** Annual Wreath Making Meeting Luther Burbank GC
- Dec 5** 10:00 am Holiday wreaths will be made at Yorktown Town Hall. Bring greens, clippers, gloves and holiday cheer to construct wreaths for local veterans and town buildings. Holiday luncheon to follow.
For more information, contact Gail Orser 914 245-4039
- Dec 5** 7pm Rumsey Rd Tree Lighting Luther Burbank GC - All welcome
Free reception following at the Park Hill Racquet Club
- Jan 8** Pam Wright, NGCAMJ, will demonstrate flower show designs.
For more information call 914-693-6840
- Jan 16** 12:30 pm First Congregational Church - Chappaqua Garden Club will present Glen Ticehurst of the Landscape Architect and Site Planning firm Benedek and Ticehurst will speak on landscapes for winter interest
- February** The Home Herbalist by Courtney Rothaus
- Feb 13** 11:30 am Dobbs Ferry Village Hall - Valentine Garden Wkshp with Dobbs Ferry Senior Citizens
- Feb 13** Briarcliff Manor Public Library - William J. Vescio Community Center
John Panagacos presents "The Great Gardens of England". Visit 3 of England's finest gardens and see their breathtaking beauty. First, Hidcote Manor, 10 acres of magnificent gardens, built by an American! Next, we'll see the extraordinary beauty of the National Trust Rose Garden at Mottisfont. Lastly, we will visit the most famous garden in England, at Sissinghurst Castle.
Email brigardenclub@gmail.com for more information and/or if you wish to attend.
- Feb 14** 1:00 pm Mead House (12 Elm St., Dobbs Ferry, NY) Free
Howard Blackiston will speak about the Vanishing Honey Bee. Contact Sonya Terjanian 914-478-2961
- March 5** Carol Pisani, an award-winning crafter, will be demonstrating a bracelet using dried plant material for botanical art.
- March 13** Briarcliff Manor Public Library - William J. Vescio Community Center we will be having a program with Ernest Cavallo called: "Galanthophilia: A Good Kind of Love". Ernest Cavallo has gardened on the East End of Long Island for 40 years. In 2009 when he retired from a career in public service, he decided to take a trip to the UK to explore new options for his Winter garden. Since 2010, he worked with the staff at NYBG as a volunteer to help expand the Garden's collection. Now he is ready to share what he has learned with you.
Email brigardenclub@gmail.com for more information and/or if you wish to attend
- March 14** 7:00 pm Warner Library in Tarrytown Free talk / discussion on Climate Change. Open to the Public
Hosted by many of the Rivertown's garden clubs (Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, Little Gardens of Tarrytown, etc).
contact Kim Waddell, 914-625-8814 or waddellkim05@gmail.com
- March 20** 12:30 p.m. First Congregational Church – Chappaqua GC presents Ken Chaya, creator of "Central Park Entire, the Definitive Illustrated Map" who will discuss wildlife, flora, trees and architectural features of New York's Central Park. Free to the public
- March** "Luck o'the Irish" Bingo Fundraiser led by Charlotte Stuppel

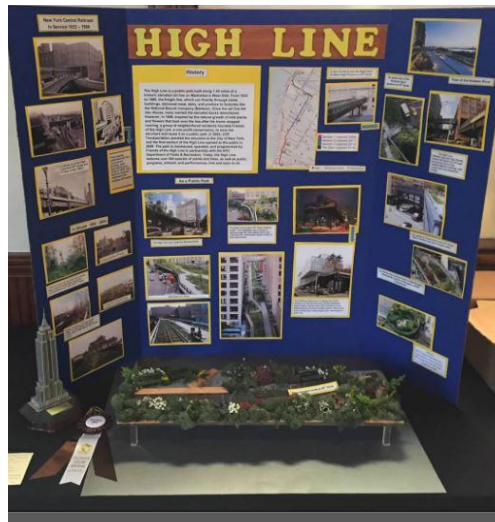
GARDEN CLUB OF NEW ROCHELLE - Shakespeare Garden and The Huguenot Children's Library
Landscape Garden (located in front of the HS's twin ponds) (photos courtesy of Yolanda Gorman)



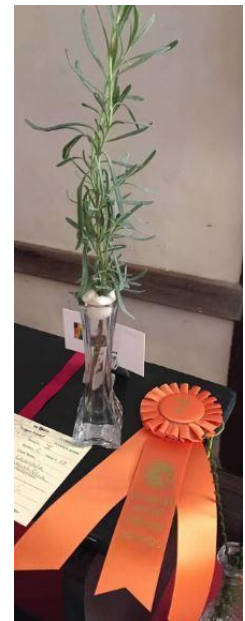
September "The Big Apple" (Pound Ridge) and October "Autumn Palette" (9th District) Flower Shows
CONGRATULATIONS ON TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOWS



**POUND RIDGE
GARDEN CLUB
"THE BIG APPLE"**



9th District
An NGC Standard Flower Show
“Autumn Palette”
held at the
Dobb’s Ferry Women’s Club



Pictures from these two flower shows (and others) as well as past events may be viewed for free on SHUTTERFLY – Thank you Pam!

May Ratchford Horticultural Excellence Award – Connie Marchetti (Pound Ridge)
May Ratchford Design Excellence Award – Chris Wolff (Chappaqua)
Mabel A. Little Trophy for Miniature and Small Designs – Charlotte Spiers

Congratulations to all the participants and ribbon winners in both shows! WELL DONE!!!

The following clubs are scheduled to have flower shows in 2019

Lake Mahaopac May 17th & 18th 2019
and
Brewster Carmel September 12th–14th 2019

The 9th District is already planning for May 14-16th 2020

DON'T WAIT – PARTICIPATE

WHO'S RUNNING FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD-----

Name: Rosemary Eshghi – Director

Club: Chappaqua

Since becoming a member of the Chappaqua Garden Club in 2011 and then president in 2013-15, I have made many nice friendships and learned plenty from our many experienced gardeners about what is going on in my garden, how to avoid expensive mistakes, feed the birds and the bees, and create a colorful landscape. Also, our many floral arranging workshops have taught me the rubrics of good design - it's been a wonderful experience!

District IX is similar in many ways to the CGC and faces some of the same difficulties such as scheduling and building membership. I think we can work that out by using programs that the FCGNYS has available especially those for youth and awards, among others.

I am also eager to develop our trips to members' gardens so that new and even seasoned members can see what is possible, no matter what the land formation is. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience in our members, and we should showcase that great talent.

If you approve my program of development, I would be very glad to have your vote and to hear your views on where the District needs to improve

Name: Christine Wolff - Assistant Director

Club Affiliations: Chappaqua and New Horizons

Passion: As a Flower Show School student and member of New Horizons Garden Club, my passion for floral design is obvious! Landscape design is another area of interest for me, albeit challenging living on a heavily wooded and deer rich property. I have created a successful pollinator garden on my property and my husband is a big vegetable gardener. In short, I love the creative process, whether it be artistic or horticultural.

District Mission Statement:

Programs and workshops offer the best opportunity to implement the mission of the Ninth District.

As a former President of the Chappaqua Garden Club, I subsequently served several terms as Programs Chair, and I am dedicated to developing programs which enrich and inspire membership. Education is our truest purpose. As Assistant Director I would continue the work of outreach to our member clubs to determine their needs and interests and work with Programs to create a wider appeal to our district clubs leading to greater club participation. I believe that we have a lot of untapped potential to offer, and should look at different types of formatting for meetings and programs. For example, The Ninth District could be presenting symposiums with speakers and workshops. It is also possible to set up day long education events at the NYBG. Such approaches implicitly recognize the need for individual clubs to strengthen membership and for clubs to use the resources of the Ninth District and state and national programs to that end. In short, my goal would be to expand on our current offerings to create renewed interns and energy in the Ninth District.

Name: Susan Trager - Recording Secretary – 2nd Term

Club Affiliation: New Horizons

Working outside has always been a great stress reliever for me as well as a labor of love. "Playing in the soil" is both meditative, creative and rewarding. I love the challenge of floral design as well and thinking outside the box.

I'm looking forward to continuing as Recording Secretary. Having served one term already, I feel that I have streamlined the position a little more by emailing minutes prior to meetings and including the submitted reports from Board members. Communication is very important.

Name: Jacqui Bergonzi - Corresponding Secretary - 2nd Term

Club: Pkywy Gardens/Pkwy Homes GC

I'm an avid vegetable gardener who shares the joy of growing veggies through the Master Gardener Volunteer program. Also is passionate about gardening with native plants to support our ecology as well preserve our history. Being Corresponding Secretary is a great way to connect with all the members of the 9th District.

Name: John Panagacos – Treasurer

Name: Janette Wilson – Assistant Treasurer