

CAR Review



Betty Cookendorfer, Director



From Our Director:

Theme: PLANT AMERICA; LET'S GET GROWING!

- includes all aspects of gardening and horticulture and growing our Region membership

Thank you to our Central Atlantic Region (CAR-SGC) members who have been very positive and gracious in accepting Board positions and helping to support the mission, goals and objectives of National Garden Clubs (NGC), Central Atlantic Region (CAR) and the seven states. I am looking forward to working with you to accomplish these goals and objectives. Kudos are endless to all for the work you are doing. Our states and communities benefit from the educational programming and services being accomplished by the CAR-SGC committees.

My Virtual Induction as Central Atlantic Region (CAR-SGC) Director (along with CAR State Presidents) was on May 20, 2021. National Garden Clubs (NGC) held the 2021 Virtual Convention installing NGC President Mary Warshauer and the Executive Board. That was an extraordinary event, and a highlight of my garden club experiences.

Thanks to our wonderful technical leadership in our Region, many of us have been able to continue our meetings via Zoom and other virtual platforms. During the past year, it has been amazing for me to participate in Zoom virtual committee meetings, board meetings, NGC sponsored schools, tech training, horticulture, and floral design programs.

Feeling so strongly about the visual experiences that are accessible for our membership, I have designated **All Things Virtual - Let's get connected!** as my Director's Project. This distinctive Director's Project will be under the Chairmanship of Cherie Lejeune (National Capital Area) and include tech-savvy committee members from several of our Region states. More will be

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announced as programming is developed. Special thanks to Cherie and this very techy committee!

We continue to follow the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our individual state governance and some of our states have held Virtual Conventions. We have many CAR members who have not explored the experiences being offered to our membership. Virtual events such as workshops, fund-raising programs and flower shows are being identified and explored. I want our members to continue these various types of meetings to stay connected until the in-person meetings are the best option for us.



Winner of Design Excellence and the Petite Award at the Garden Club of Ohio Flower show, "Flower Power". Design class "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" - Designer Dianna Mullins

I attended the Garden Club of Ohio (GCO) Convention (July 19-22) in Akron, Ohio. GCO President Marlene Hatton and her committee had planned many programs, workshops and meetings. It was great to be meeting in-person and to greet friends from all over the state. The Ohio Judges Council (OJC) presented a beautiful Flower Show under the guidance of Ohio Judges Council (OJC) President, Barbara Schuh, and her committee. A wonderful educational, informative and fun-filled Convention for the state of Ohio.

As Director of CAR-SGC, I had the honor of an in-person CAR Officer Installation, along with Alternate Director Mary Lou Smith, which was presided over by NGC President Mary Warshauer. We were further honored with the presence of NGC First Vice-President Brenda Moore. Once again, we were inspired by the words of these two leaders from NGC as they reported and spoke throughout the Convention. The Installation was followed by the

traditional champagne toast that evening which was provided by GCO President Marlene Hatton, the Akron Convention Committee and the Akron District.



Installation by Mary Warshauer

The CAR 2021-2023 Directory and CAR-SGC Board Contact Information documents were emailed individually to each CAR Board member. If for some reason, you did not receive it, please let me know and I can resend it. The information also has been posted on our website www.car-sgc.org by our Webmaster, Margaret Woda. Thank you, Margaret, for all your work.

Honor Tribute Design at GCO State Convention July 19-22, 2021

**Tribute to:
Betty Cookendorfer,
CAR-SGC Director
Design by: Sylvia Meiring,
Toledo District of
Garden Club of Ohio**



I ask Committee Chairs and Coordinators to be in contact with their committee members to share information and knowledge. Try a Zoom meeting with your committee members to stay connected and learn what they are doing in their area of expertise. If you haven't had Tech training yet and can't administer a Zoom Meeting, help can be received from the CAR Virtual Resource Committee. Please take advantage of the valuable services these generous members are offering to all of us without any fee for services.

Central Atlantic Region is a great area for friendships and to live, learn, experience individual growth, enjoy gardening and the great outdoors. I am very enthusiastic about serving as your CAR Director and

let us stay connected with the resources available to us until we meet again in-person at the CAR Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania (PA). The dates are November 1-4, 2022. I thank Conference 2022 Chair Nerita Brant, Assistant Chair Mary Jo Gardill and PA President Sheila Croushore for all their hard work and planning for this event.

Happy Gardening and Growing,
Betty Cookendorfer, Director
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

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CAR-SGC Fall Conference 2021

Just a reminder to everyone:

The CAR-SGC Fall Conference for 2021 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, November 2-5th has been cancelled/postponed by Executive Vote after the Hotel contacted us last fall and asked us to move the Conference forward a year due to the fact they felt they could not handle the size of our meetings due to PA Covid Restrictions.

**So take note: No formal in-person
CAR-SGC Conference for 2021.**

Next Conference will be:

November 1-4, 2022 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Information to follow. We thank Nerita Brant, Chair, Mary Jo Gardill, Assistant Chair and PA President, Sheila Croushore, for all their hard work and are so looking forward to a wonderful event in 2022. We will be ready to party.....

So mark your calendars for an enchanting time in the Pennsylvania Mountains November 1-4, 2022.

From Our States:

Delaware



Barbara DeRue

Region. I hope that we gather safely and learn from each other.

We had our first State meeting since November 2019 via zoom on June 19, 2021. We had a program provided by Kirk Brown respective to the 200th

anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted’s birth. Zoom is definitely a fabulous tool to have! Thankfully most of our clubs will be meeting in person soon. I’m excited to say that we have scheduled an in person State meeting with special guest NGC President Mary Warshauer for this November. Although a lot of clubs have not met for meetings they have continued their outside projects.

My President’s Project is **Grow Locally** and is offering small grants to help clubs “Grow” in their community. Briefly, clubs are encouraged to

- Grow membership: Engage a special speaker, hold workshops, place notices and flyers about with meeting information
- Grow awareness: Print brochures, place signage at outdoor projects, rent a table at a local event, give away a plant or seed packet with club information

- Grow a garden: Create a new garden, revitalize an old garden, create a container garden, place arrangements in public buildings

My President’s project was announced at the June Zoom meeting. Hardcopies of the descriptive flyer were mailed to each Club President. Three clubs have already applied and have received checks to “Grow Locally”.

Update on some of our Club’s activities and plans:

The Salt Air Gardeners have big plans for early October. We will be hosting a free outdoor concert to celebrate our five year anniversary and also to raise funds for a Blue Star Memorial to be located in Ocean View, DE. The town of Ocean View is generously procuring a suitable site and assisting with physical and financial support.

Despite the pandemic, the Spade & Trowel Garden Club of Seaford, Delaware, held its annual greens sale in December, accepting orders from previous customers only. The club sold 181 evergreen products including 83 cemetery mounds, all constructed and delivered safely in just two days.

Although not holding meetings, members volunteered to plant the flower baskets on two bridges downtown. Several containers also were planted at City Hall and for businesses around town.



Brandywine Garden Club supports our local community by planting & maintaining a Children’s Garden at the Brandywine Hundred Library. Incorporated throughout the perennials & annuals are painted stones depicting various children’s books as well as bird houses & feeders for our feathered friends.



Children’s Garden at Library

We will hold a NGC Small Standard Flower Show on Sept. 16, 2021. The theme for the show is “Discover Delaware” highlighting some of Delaware’s majestic gardens, farms & wildlife refuges. The flower show kicks off our club’s 2021-2022 theme “Delaware’s Natural Wonders”. Enjoy our show & stay a few days exploring all of what Delaware has to offer. We’d love to share it with you!

Milford Garden Club planted pots of flowers and a small raised bed of vegetables on the veranda of the Milford Veterans home. Hosta and colorful annuals were planted in the garden area in front of the Veteran’s Home. The native garden planted last fall at the Milford Senior Center is starting to flourish. The plant identification cards with photo and description are now in place.



Native Plant Garden

**Barbara DeRue,
President, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs**

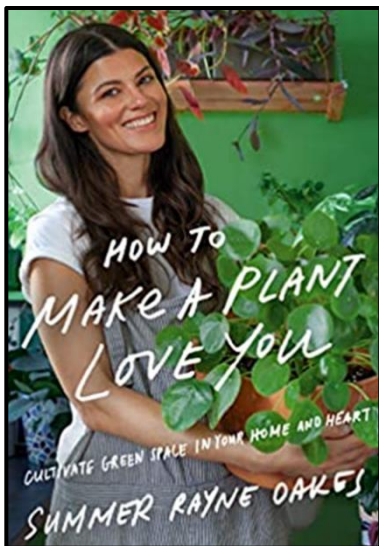
Maryland



Anna O’Kelly

ZOOM – Remember when that word made you think of fast cars...the last year changed that. ZOOM is the webcasting platform that many of our garden clubs used to conduct their meetings and stay in touch with their members.

By March, Maryland’s infection rates were low which allowed us to hold our Annual Meeting in March. At that time not all members had been vaccinated so we held a hybrid meeting, with members participating live and via Zoom. Our presenter, Summer Rayne Oakes is an author, popular Media Influencer and environmental activist.



Summer Rayne Oakes was reclaiming mine sites, researching sewage sludge, and restoring forestlands when she was struck with the idea that style—and how we live our life—would be a far more effective means to connect people to the natural world. Graduating Cornell University cum laude with degrees in Environmental Science and Entomology, Oakes began to bridge her interest in ecological systems to industries that affect our everyday life—from what we wear to what we eat. This journey has led her to two decades of experience infusing sustainable-thinking and practices into the heart of the fashion, beauty and food industries. Most recently Oakes has been focused on sustainable food, agricultural, and horticultural systems and our connection to what we grow and what we eat.

Maryland was also able to hold two live schools in April: Landscape Design Course II and Flower Show School Course IV. Strict Social Distancing and COVID protocols were observed at all sessions.



Students at FGCM Flower Show School

With Spring and many of our members vaccinated, many clubs returned to regular meetings. We celebrated National Garden Week with a tour of the Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. If you haven’t been, the grounds are lovely and filled with many unique plants. It is a frequent location for school trips, so they have located some whimsical artworks which are used to engage and inform students.



Year of the Cicada



Former State President Diana Bonner at one of several Butterfly installations.

Photos by Susie Middleton.

We have always had an active Horticulture Committee. Former Chair Sue Christiansen introduced a publication titled “Tall Weeds” filled with informative articles and “how-to’s”. The tradition continues with our new Horticulture Chairs, Terry Holman and Maureen Rice. In the first issue they announced a Phenology Project.

Phenology is the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena in relation to climate, plant, and animal life.

They are asking Club members to serve as novice Phenologists to observe their town’s horticulture for the dates of first, mid and late blooming or interest for specific plants. Terry says “From this data, we can begin to trend Maryland dates for plants bloom/ interest periods and can graphically share this information to better identify a “best guess” date range to feature specific plant blooms/interests for your standard flower show schedules or to plan out bloom succession more accurately for your landscaping projects in our changing climates.” This may be a project for your State.

In closing, we will never forget the year of COVID. Hats off to the many club members and Officers whose creativity and perseverance kept their club members engaged.

Susie Middleton

Anna O’Kelly,
President, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

National Capital Area



Arlene Stewart

Many transitions are taking place in the National Capital Area Garden Clubs during the summer of 2021. We have a new NCAGC board, four new district directors and many new club presidents. We are also figuring out how to transition from our year of virtual meetings to hybrid and in person meetings. We have learned that when scheduling meetings, we are considering not only the calendar but also the CDC and our local health department websites for guidance. As places start to open, we have noticed that some of our meeting locations are no longer allowing us to meet there. During these times we’ve realized the importance of communication. We want to know what others are doing and how they are handling these new obstacles. In working with my communications team, we have decided to implement some additional forms of communication. As a board, we are using Google Workspace for our email, Google Meet, and Google Drive storage and sharing. We hope this will improve communications and help

with smooth transitions in the future. We are starting a monthly Zoom meeting with club presidents and a monthly informational newsletter.

Not everything was virtual in the spring. NCAGC held a Flower Show School in March to complete the four course series and we now have six student judges. Working with a local golf club, we were able to hold a hybrid installation for the NCAGC officers. With our masks, social distancing, and some outdoor space we were able to get together – for many the first time in a year. Clubs installed officers and held outdoor celebrations.



The Great Falls Garden Club participated in their local 4th of July Parade. Their entry was the Brood X Cicada. If you look very closely, you can see the origami cicadas members folded and wore on their shirts.

With all our new student judges, clubs and districts have been planning and holding flower shows. District III held “Votes for Women” in conjunction with a town celebration of Liberty Amendments Month. My club holds a summer flower show at our county fair, and I know of other clubs holding shows in member’s homes. NCAGC District IV has a Flower Show planned in September.



NCAGC District III held “Vote for Women” an NGC Small Standard Flower Show. Pictured are Anne Stuntz, Flower Show Chair and Nancy Moats, NCAGC District III Director. The horticulture and design entries were located throughout the Freeman Store and Museum.

Over the past year many NCAGC members have been taking advantage of the schools NGC offers. We have decided to hold three schools. A new in-person Flower Show School Series will be starting in October and an Environmental School Series on Zoom begins in October. An in-person Landscape Design School Series is being planned to begin in the spring of 2022.

As we make plans for the coming year, I’m expecting we may have to pivot at the last minute but 2020-21 has shown us just how flexible we can be when it comes to continuing our garden club mission.

PLANT AMERICA for Flowers, Fun and Friends

Arlene Stewart,

President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs

New Jersey

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. conducted a hybrid Annual Meeting on June 10th due to the social distancing restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. This type of virtual meeting allowed a small group of individuals to gather in-person at an outdoor location while all others joined



Cecilia Millea

remotely. We were very pleased to have NGC President, Mary Warshauer, in-person to conduct the installation of officers. The theme of the event was “Find Shelter Under the Trees” to align with the theme of my presidency and our keynote speaker’s mission of preserving the worldwide tree canopy. In addition to conducting required business and the installation of officers at our Annual Meeting, there were two special presentations that took place. Our own Mary Warshauer was presented with a resolution honoring her induction as the newly elected NGC President and a \$2500 check from the

Garden Club of New Jersey to the NGC Plant America Fund.

Bruce Crawford, former Director of Rutgers Gardens and valued friend of GCNJ, was presented with the National Garden Club’s Award of Excellence to a non-member. It was a pleasure to see Bruce acknowledged with this prestigious award. Only three are awarded by NGC annually to applicants from across the country.

We were fortunate to have as our speaker for this event, Dr. Margaret Lowman, also known as “Canopy Meg”. She is a world-renowned arborist, author, speaker and educator who refers to herself as an “arbornaut”. Dr. Lowman climbs to the top of the tree canopy around the globe to fulfill her mission to explore, research and conserve our planet’s forests. She is an inspiring pioneer in her field.

I was honored to be installed as the 50th President of the Garden Club of New Jersey. The theme of my presidency is **“Plant Trees: Nature’s Unsung Heroes”**. According to Doug Tallamy, author, professor and respected conservation advocate, “we have removed more than half of the forests on earth”. We are losing trees at an alarming rate to commercial agriculture, wildfires, logging and urbanization. We must act, and to that end, the Garden Club of New Jersey will be offering, during my 2021-2023 term, six \$1000 grants to GCNJ affiliated garden clubs that sponsor a project focusing on the planting of trees. It is my hope that we can increase awareness about the importance of trees to humans, wildlife and our planet.



***Plant a tree,
invest in the future***

*Cecelia Millea,
President, Garden Club of New Jersey*

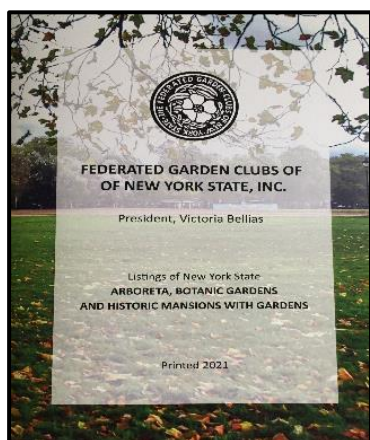
New York



Lynne Arnold

Our theme, **“Plant America, Homes and Gardens Across New York”**, has NY Garden Clubs sprucing up community gardens, dedicating a new Blue Star Garden and making plans for 9/11 and memorial gardens.

The book, *Arboreta, Botanic Gardens and Historic Mansions with Gardens*, published by the FGCNYS has been sent to club presidents. This book is supported as a fund raiser and has encouraged clubs to meet outdoors and plan visits to the gardens listed in the book by NY counties.



NY is a large state and members look forward to State and CAR meetings to visit with long time board member friends. District 5 (of 10) invited judges from four districts to judge and enter “Utica Gardens and Flower Show”. Working on the show and visiting the gardens was a long awaited respite from COVID isolation, such a pleasure seeing each other and sharing our designs, horticulture and beautiful gardens.



Blast from the Past

Our Website has a new section, “the **NEWS**” which has photos and articles. Go to: fgcnys.com.

**Lynne Arnold,
President, Federated Garden Clubs
of New York State**

Ohio

Greetings from Ohio!

What a pleasure it is to sit outside in the garden and read a good book. We’ve planted, fertilized, and weeded but have only dragged the hose out once or twice as Mother Nature has done the watering for us!



Marlene Hatton

We held our 92nd Annual Convention in July after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. It was hosted by the Akron District with lots of help from our larger districts in Cleveland, Toledo and Canton. The Flower Show was outstanding, the speakers covered a wide range of topics and Elvis joined the Board of Directors at dinner the first evening. Smiles were abundant as everyone was so happy to greet each other in person.

We were so pleased to have President Mary Warshauer and Vice President Brenda Moore attend our convention. Mary did the honors of installing Betty Cookendorfer as CAR-SGC Director and Mary Lou Smith as the Alternate Director. Congratulations ladies! Let us know how we can help.

My President’s Project was introduced. **“Time for a Cool Change – Reducing Plastic Waste.”** We are all familiar with Recycling and Reusing but now we must concentrate on Reducing the plastic in our lives. By refusing a plastic straw, taking reusable bags when we shop, using a refillable bottle for our water and soft drinks and perhaps carrying our own take-out container for our doggy bag we can ensure a better environment for the generations that come behind us.

In the Fall we will be hosting Flower Show School 2 and a Tri-Refresher via Zoom. Everyone is welcome! Please join us.

**Marlene Hatton,
President, Garden Club of Ohio**

Flower show "Flower Power" at GCO convention in July. The convention had a Sixties Theme as did the flower show.

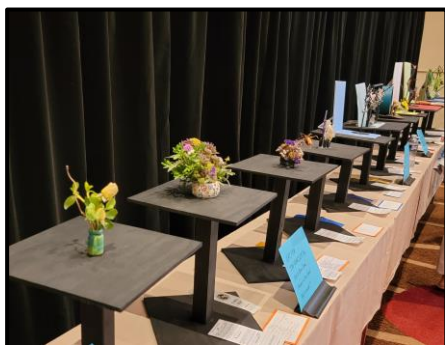


Botanical Arts Award winner. It was a plaque entered into "War-What is It Good For!" Designer: Joyce Roth



Collage in a class entitled "Women's Liberation"

Overview of the Petite Section



Creative design by Jackie Lundberg in a class interpreting sixties' artist Helen Frankenthaler



Photos by Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich

Pennsylvania



Sheila Croushore

Pennsylvania's theme for the next two years is **We've Planted America – Now "Watch Us Bloom.** Our first June board meeting was a great success. We incorporated a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show "Watch Us Bloom" and it was well received. We even made the Local Evening News!

We are working on keeping all our members across our State engaged and looking forward. We have been working on trips and programs to entice them to attend meetings and renew their memberships. The second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania offers a program free to all members on Zoom. Each District Director is providing a topic for a program. We have seen English Gardens, our "Seed Money" gardens throughout the state, a program on our upcoming trip to the Floriade (Floriade is an international exhibition and garden festival, held every 10 years) in Netherlands in 2022 and our next program will be on how to navigate through our new and updated web site.

In the month of July, we have offered a ZOOM Leadership Workshop and a Zoom Treasurer's Training. These trainings reached over 200 GCFP Members. We are also offering Zoom training

through our State ZOOM Educator Sandy Benedict from District Four. We have recorded the Leadership Workshop, the Treasurers Training and three Zoom trainings and now have them listed on our website under a password protected sheet so anyone can access the information at any time through YouTube.

The Pennsylvania Horticulture Society was able to host the Philadelphia Flower Show in June outdoors at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park. Many of our members not only attended, but also volunteered at the event.

So as you can see we are blooming across the state and having fun in 21.



**Sheila Croushore,
President, Garden Club of Pennsylvania**

Virtual Resources

We are the Committee that will bring Director Betty’s Theme, “Let’s Get Connected, All Things Virtual”, to life!

We were the first Region to connect with one another despite the quarantine. Even the faint hearted (translates low tech skills), learned how to get onto a ZOOM session, although muting is, SIGH, still a work in progress! But we are working the numbers down who haven’t yet.

CAR-SGC will offer a fall event which Director Betty will announce by early September. It is one you will not want to miss and will cost way less than last year’s ‘pass’. The Zoom Festival’s net of \$10K is the target to duplicate this year. Did I leave out, the event will be total FUN and, yes, even educational?

CAR-SGC has its own Zoom account. IF you want to host a special program from the account because you want to share your presenter, etc., just ask.

And we can help with the event PR, i.e. getting the word out. We want to encourage programs where States work together as CO-HOSTS. Just think of the many possible programs, where we could share costs making a celebrity speaker affordable to a wider audience.

Our committee serves all clubs, Districts and States. Any of these, can contact us. Need help with general Zoom training and or how to do a HYBRID meeting, ASK.

The National Garden Club Virtual Team has been busy training states who want to hone their skills and some of our CAR States have already done workshops to build better member engagement/knowledge. A big shout out to President Sheila Crouse from Pennsylvania who has already held workshops.

We know that our CAR States will not be slackers!

Questions? Help? Contact Chair Cherie Lejeune latripp24@gmail.com

The (great) virtual team:
Chair Cherie Lejeune (NCA)
Victoria Bellias (NY)
Sandra Benedict (PA)
Alva Hutchison (DE)
Pat Rupiper (OH)

**Cherie Lejeune,
Virtual Resources Chair**

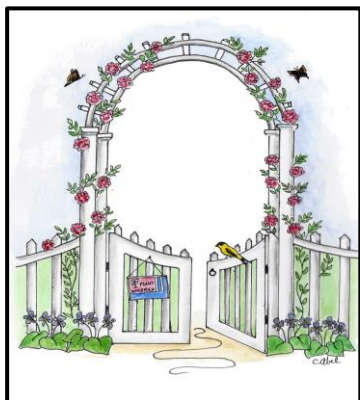
NGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Hello Membership. Something new and exciting is happening to NGC Life Membership.

Your donation of \$200 is still divided evenly between two wonderful programs—the PLANT AMERICA Community Grants Fund and the Permanent Home and Endowment, but you will now become part of a new “Virtual” interactive Garden, that will be located on the Life Member Page of the NGC Web-site.

We are so excited about our new Garden. Existing NGC Life Members will be the corner stones and hardscape of the garden and our new 2021-2023 Life Members will become the beautiful plants within

our garden gate; flourishing and growing lush with each and every new membership.



Everyone will be able to see our virtual garden grow, bloom and come to life right before their eyes. Amazing what we can do virtually.....

SO DON'T MISS OUT: Walk through our Garden Gate.....

Become a new NGC Life Member today or give a gift membership; and become part of this wonderful interactive garden. The NGC Life Membership Applications can be found on the NGC website.

This Garden will take your breath away. Join today! Be part of this new virtual adventure.

The Life Member Committee, consisting of Margaret Woda of Delaware and Cherie Lejeune of National Capital Area are constructing the garden as we speak and it will be blooming on the website in the very near future.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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**Gail Corle Manna,
2021-2023 NGC Life Member Chair**

Flower Show School Course 2 in Ohio



You're invited! Flower Show School Course 2 will be held October 11-14, 2021, at the Fernald Preserve

Visitor's Center in Hamilton, OH. Design instructor will be Cathy Waitinas of Tennessee, who will be teaching Table and Petite Designs. If you have never attended a Flower Show School, this is the one for you. Table designs are fun to learn to do and are always a big hit in Flower Shows! Horticulture instructor will be Darlene Newell of West Virginia, whom GCO has been fortunate to have had as an instructor in the past. Horticulture topics will be Conifers and Chrysanthemums. Downloadable brochure and registration form can be found on the GCO website, gardenclubsofohio.org.

Everyone is welcome to attend Flower Show Schools, not just those interested in becoming Flower Show Judges. The October weather should be cool and crisp, and the leaves delightfully colorful. Celebrate Fall by attending Flower Show School Course 2 in Ohio!

**Cindy Kozakewich,
Flower Show Schools Chairman
Garden Club of Ohio**

NGC Flower Show Schools Committee

The NGC Flower Show Schools Committee continues its efforts to accommodate the Flower Show Judges who were unable to meet the requirements for refreshing during the past year when few if any flower shows were held. Please note: any judge may attend a symposium for credit in 2021 and 2022 regardless of the number of exhibiting and judging credits acquired. No credits will be required for your attendance at your next refresher this year or next year. You get a free ride! The only stipulation is that Accredited Judges and Accredited Life Judges must take and pass the point scoring exams. Accredited Master Judges must attend all sessions: Allied topic, main topic including practice point scoring for both Horticulture and Design portions. The credits you accumulate this year and next will count towards the following refresher whenever you chose to refresh again within three years.

The National Gardener magazine is no longer being printed but is available online on the NGC website. Anyone who requests it may have it sent to his/her e-mail box free of charge. Contact NGC HQ and give

them your e-mail address. You may then print any part or the entire booklet for your use.

NGC is offering a revised stimulus package under the heading of "A Fresh Look at Flower Shows." It is available to any club who has not had a recent show or is hesitant to hold a flower show. It offers guidelines and information about how to plan a show. It also suggests contacting the local judges council for mentoring help for the planning committee. Information is available on the NGC website.

**Dorothy Yard, NGC FSS Instructor,
NGC FSS Committee, CAR-SGC Schools Coordinator**

I will remind you next summer for your state's list. Thank you.

**Diane Hughes,
Memorial Chair**

CAR-SGC Youth Excellence Award

The CAR-SGC Youth Excellence Award is awarded to the Youth Garden Club for the accomplishment of activities in support of CAR-SGC and NGC objectives. Activities are documented with photographs, publicity and a printed schedule of the year's programs and projects. Note: There is a pending change in the manner of submission and award requirements. If your club sponsors a Youth Garden Club and you are interested in applying for this award, please contact Chairman Joann Predina at jpredina2@gmail.com or phone me at 216-642-1133 for the most current information.

**Joann Predina,
CAR-SGC Youth Excellence**

Donations to Scholarship Patronage Program

The CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Program has received 2 contributions since October 2020.

Gold Level Contributor:
Constance Oates Taylor \$505 Washington, DC

Bronze Level Contributor:
Jane Madis \$75 New York

**Claire Lechlitter,
Scholarship Patronage Program**

National Park Restores Toxic Dump Site Back to Nature

In 1985, The Cuyahoga Valley National Park Service in Northeastern Ohio bought the Krejci Dump site which operated as a salvage yard and waste disposal facility from the 1940's to 1980, thinking they had acquired an old junkyard. The following year a person collecting bottles on the site became ill along with several park rangers who would complain of headaches, rashes, and odors. The Park Service soon found contamination across 47 acres that posed a threat to human health and the environment.

After investigation and testing of the site between 1986 and 1987, many toxic substances were found including paints, pesticides, and industrial sludge - polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), benzene, arsenic, dioxin, heavy metals, and other carcinogens. Many major corporations were discovered to have disposed of industrial waste at the site including Ford Motor Company, Chrysler, General Motors, 3M, Chevron and others. The Park partnered with the US and Ohio Environmental Protection Agencies and closed the site to the public in 1986. Because of the

New Life Members of CAR-SGC Since October 2020

The CAR-SGC has welcomed these new life members:

Delaware - Barbara DeRue
New York - Lynne Arnold,
Pennsylvania - Rosemary Romboski and
Melanie Markowski

**Claire Lechlitter,
Life Membership**

Memorials

During our times of trouble, we cannot forget those members who have passed away in 2020 -2021. When we meet together in 2022, I would like to have a list of deceased members during this time.

extent of the contamination, this site qualified for cleanup under the Superfund Program.

The multi-decade cleanup process consisted of removal of the leaking drums that contained the toxic waste, along with the rest of the dump's non-hazardous contents. The leaking drums contaminated the soil and the dirt had to be removed from depths ranging from 12 inches to 25 feet. By August 2012, 371,000 tons of contaminated material had been removed from the site.

In the decades-long cleanup effort, the Park Service worked with Ford Motor Company, the lead corporation involved in the cleanup, to recontour and revegetate the site with native grasses and wildflowers, reestablish natural wetlands and restore wildlife habitat. The National Park Service's goal was to restore the site to natural conditions consistent with surrounding National Park habitat and remove the restrictions to public access.

As of December 2020, \$50 million was paid by the responsible parties to remove the toxins and restore the property. In May 2021, the former dump site opened to park visitors for the first time since it was closed to the public in 1986. Acting Park Superintendent Lisa Petit said "Together, we have completely removed one of the most toxic Superfund sites in the National Park System and made it safe for the public to enjoy." A thirty-five year effort!

**Barbara Schuh,
Environmental Concerns & Conservation**



**The Krejci Dump site and salvage site-1980's.
NPS/Chris Davis**



**Rusted metal barrels leaking toxic waste.
NPS/Chris Davis**



**Wetland pools created on the Krejci dump site are an important breeding ground for frogs and salamanders.
NPS/Chris Davis**



Blue Star Memorial Marker

A Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker and Pollinator Garden were dedicated by Plantation Lakes Garden Club in Millsboro DE on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, five years after this project was initiated by the club. It was a beautiful sunny day, and there were nearly 100 people in attendance at the Plantation Lakes Community Center for the brief dignified ceremony.

Reverend Dr. James C. Van Der Wall gave the Invocation after a brief welcome from Margaret Woda, Chair of the Blue Star Memorial Committee. Barbara DeRue, President of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Latshaw, a Plantation Lakes resident and Veteran, gave a Military Tribute before Debbie Darr, President of Plantation Lakes Garden Club, dedicated the memorial and garden, assisted by club members Pat Minnigh and Mary Williford.

Acknowledgments by Plantation Lakes Garden Club included presentations of an Honorary Membership to Judy Pfister for outstanding contributions by an organization or non-member in support of the club objective for her design of and hands-on help with the pollinator garden. A certificate from National Garden Clubs, Inc. was presented to Plantation Lakes HOA Community Manager Joe Fulco to recognize the alliance formed by that organization with the Plantation Lakes Garden Club.

The program closed with the Benediction presented by Reverend Dr. James C. Van Der Wall and playing of Taps by Dwight R. Smiley, Sr.



**Margaret Woda,
Plantation Lakes Garden Club**

A Rain Garden

The Conservation & Environmental Awareness Committee of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club worked with community partners to plant a rain garden at Friendsville Elementary School on May 20. Members planted 100 native plants with 137 enthusiastic students from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They worked in small groups with each grade. Caroline Blizzard (retired Director of the Discovery Center at Deep Creek Lake State Park) was also there to talk to the children about the local watershed and how stormwater gets from our mountains down to our streams and rivers. The children learned a lot and the principal, Jamie Friend, said they were still talking about it the next week. This project was funded by the Yough Glades Chapter of the DAR; MLGC donated the plants. The principal did the actual excavating and preparation of the area several weeks before the group planted. A listing of the plants was provided to the school as well as a planting map and color photo booklet of all the plants including a paragraph description and attributes of each one (which were also all pollinator plants). QR Codes will be added to the garden by DAR so that all plant information can be accessed from anyone's phone!



**Photos by
Linda Harris**



The Finished Rain Garden

**Linda Harris,
Conservation Committee Chair,
Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Garrett Co., MD**

Tweeds Tavern

Countryside Garden Club has been preserving and maintaining Tweeds Tavern in Hockessin, Delaware for many years. It is a continued honor to serve our local community by tending to the landscape of this historic building. We now have a new exhibit museum on site since our last sharing of this project which allowed us to put in a historic inspired kitchen garden currently thriving and well established. In addition an American Holly was donated to the museum as a symbol of sustainability and a reminder of how Native Americans utilized it for wood and various other needs of that time. We will continue with joy to maintain this beautiful property and encourage those in our community to learn and be inspired by nature now and from in the past!



**Tracy Lea-Dorsey,
Countryside Garden Club**

Gardens in Delaware

During the past 2 years, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. has sponsored the creation and restoration of 2 gardens. Plant America has been our inspiration.

Our organization has created a perennial garden to welcome visitors to the Delaware Archives and Heritage Park in Dove *Coreopsis*, *Salvia*, *Echinacea*, *Rudbeckia*, Shasta daisies, phlox, English lavender, painted ferns, *Hosta*, *Gaillardia*, *Mondarda*, *Achillea*, oakleaf Hydrangea, and *Liriope*. Soft touch compact hollies anchor the 3 corners of the triangular garden. A total of 95 plants were installed. An irrigation system waters the garden and mulch limits the amount of weeds. Additional fall perennials will be added in September.



In April, volunteers began working on the Butterfly/ Native Plants garden at Brecknock Park. The original garden was installed 20 years ago. It was ready to be restored. Volunteers planted perennials, installed a path through the milkweed garden, weeded the beds, spread mulch, and filled barrel planters with annuals. Colorful signs indicate the milkweed garden. Children can explore the milkweed and visiting butterflies from the winding path. Plant labels throughout the garden identify the various plants. A park Naturalist conducts weekly educational programs in the garden regarding native plants and pollinators. Families who visit the adjacent playground area and pavilion can now wander through the garden and observe nature. Additional plants will be installed in the fall.



Barren garden in March



Installing the path through the milkweed garden



Shrubs and trees providing shade in July

The final touch for each garden will be the installation of signage noting the sponsorship of the gardens by Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Connie Raymond,
DFGC President, 2019-2021*

Schools Being Held in the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

Flower Show School:

Oct. 11 – Oct. 14, 2021 - Hamilton, OH, Course 2

Oct. 17 – Oct. 19, 2021 – Bethesda, MD, Course 1

Gardening School

None

Environmental School

Oct. 11 – Oct. 14, 2021 – Washington, DC, Course 1

Landscape Design School

Sept. 22 – 23, 2021 - Columbia, MD, Course 3

Oct. 25 – 26, 2021 - Lancaster, PA, Course 2



Butterflies

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