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Native Spiderwort

Tina Swanson



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FGCMD President ..Susie Middleton

The Annual National Garden Clubs Convention was held in early May at the historic Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The meeting included field trips, wonderful speakers, vendors, installation of officers and an informative business meeting.

The event was well attended by more than 25 Maryland members. In addition to taking home a number of NGC awards, we learned about three new programs.



NGC Convention :Keith and Anna O'Kelly, Susie Middleton, Diana Bonner

National President **Brenda Moore's Project** is the "Plant America, Feed America Program", a campaign to help feed the hungry across America. The project encourages every NGC member to help fight food insecurity. *How can you help?*

If you grow your own vegetable garden, fruit or other food items, we encourage you to donate some of this bounty to a local food bank or any other organization that helps fight food insecurity. If you don't have your own garden, then how about volunteering at a local community garden where food is donated. This could be a town-sponsored garden, a school garden, a church garden, or any garden that supports feeding the hungry. And if you aren't able to work in a garden, then how about contributing financial support to groups who DO the actual work of providing fresh meals to the less fortunate or to local schools who maintain gardens to help supplement their school lunch programs. Not only will you feel better about being part of the solution of fighting food insecurity, but it's a chance to promote gardening to those around you!

To find out more about this program and download the form, go to the NGC website:

PLANT AMERICA, FEED AMERICA | National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Two other programs, in development, are designed to encourage members to create beneficial habitats in their gardens and communities. You will be able to complete an assessment to see if your home qualifies as a "Certified Pollinator Garden" or "Certified Wildlife Habitat".

We will soon provide the details!



NGC, Inc. Awards presented to FGCMD Clubs



Howard County GC - \$1000-Community Project with native plants/ wildflowers

District I Certificate of merit for District Standard flower show

Naval Academy GC - Certificate of merit for Patriotic Flower show

Lutherville GC - Certificate of merit for club small standard flower show

Jean T Ladson-Scholarship Award to Christi Demnowicz

Lutherville GC - Certificate in appreciation of participation - Publication.

Mountain Laurel GC - Certificate in appreciation of participation - Community Improvement

Certificate in appreciation of participation - Beautification Project

Calvert County GC - Honorable Mention Youth Awards Calverton School: 1st, 2nd, & 4th Grades

Introducing our 2023-2025 FGCOFMD Executive Committee



Susie Middleton State President *ser-en-dip-i-ty - noun ..the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.*
 I guess that's the best way to explain how I became your garden club President. I spent my career in human resources. I loved the field because everyday I felt I was making a difference. But I can't say it was a path to GC President. I didn't start gardening myself until I retired and joined my first garden club nineteen years ago. Since then, I've learned a lot from fellow members and various NGC schools. The number one lesson I have learned? "right plant-right place"...they aren't kidding when they say full sun. I've also learned more about floral design. Before garden club and attending Judges School, my idea of design was to plunk the grocery store flowers in a glass vase. I'm still not perfect, but now I have a library of books on design because I like to see a prototype to get ideas on style and plant material. I also know what a mechanic is and how to use it. Along the way I became a committee chair/officer in my Club, then the District and State. I can tell you I didn't come to any of the positions with expertise for them, like many of us, I learned as I went along. That's one the things I value most about garden club - the willingness of others to share their skills and knowledge. I know some of you are apprehensive about taking on a position, but I encourage you to try it. I can tell you from experience, if you can drive a car, cook dinner or change a diaper— you can handle any of our positions. It takes some planning and simple skills, but the results are worth the effort. You'll gain knowledge, new skills, and build wonderful and enduring relationships. Who knows, serendipity may work for you, too!



Marcia Richard 1st Vice President As an army brat raised on different continents, gardens were places one visited with your parents. After retiring from a school counseling career, I was invited to join the Crofton Village Garden Club (CVGC) in 2007, over 16 years ago. Along the learning path, I became my club's 1st Vice President in charge of programs then President for three years. During that time, membership grew, and our talents members brought the CVGC many awards for community projects. I enjoy researching information on best practices and sharing it in workshops and exhibits. Starting in 2015, I served as FGCMMD Awards Chair, Recording Secretary and 2nd Vice President. Visiting Districts and interacting with club members from around the State, I learned about many amazing community projects. In my current position, I wish to further my education by taking more NGC schools and I'd like to develop a FGCMMD data base for programs and projects.



Lisa Johnson 2nd Vice President I grew up with my mothers passion for gardening, my grandfather studied entomology, and my great grandfather invested in a tree nursery and orchards. I've been a part of National Garden Clubs since joining a club in Wisconsin in 1986. Soon after, I became Vice President of Programs and I've been a fan of horticultural and environmental education ever since. In 1990, I served as Chair of the Wisconsin State Federated Garden Club Convention. Currently in my fourth club, I've founded two clubs including the Oxford GC on the Eastern Shore. I am the current President of the Bolton Hill GC in Midtown Baltimore, Chair of Meetings & Arrangements for District IV, and 2nd Vice President of FGCMMD. My BHGC president's theme is focused on the Health & Expansion of the Baltimore Tree Canopy. Forging partnerships with greening stakeholders in Bolton Hill and the Midtown area and fostering greening projects with neighborhoods adjacent to Bolton Hill are a priority.



Donna Miller Treasurer
 Originally from the Big Apple, I moved to Garrett County 26 years ago. My career has been in the insurance and banking industries. As a member of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club, I've served as Treasurer (3 terms), Co-Vice President, and Co-President. In addition, I am is a member of the Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Councils and current Treasurer of the latter. My husband Vaughn and I reside at Deep Creek Lake. Aside from gardening, I enjoy Jazzercise, bowling, singing and travelling to all 50 states with Vaughn on a Harley.



Trish Reynolds Corresponding Secretary Originally from Long Island, I moved to Oxford, MD, when I was 16. I graduated from Notre Dame University, MD with a Masters in Finance from Loyola University, MD, 1980. I worked in Banking for almost 30 years. My love of gardening was expanded by taking two Ornamental Plant Certification Programs at Longwood Gardens ...10 courses in each certificate program, and joining Talbot County GC in 1996, and Oxford GC in 2010. I've served in leadership roles at the Club, District, and State levels: District I Director, State Recording Secretary, Horticulture Chair, Nominating Committee, Judges Council, Landscape Design Council, and Corresponding Secretary. I've led horticulture workshops and serve on TCGC and OGC Committees. I am a life member of FGCMMD, CAR-SGC, Maryland Daffodil Society, American Daffodil Society, American Horticulture Society, and Maryland Horticulture Society.



Christa Pusateri Recording Secretary I joined the Mt. Airy GC, District V in 2009 and have served in leadership roles as club secretary, vice-president, president and I participate in a variety of club committees. I serve on the District V Board as recording secretary. I have enjoyed the FGCMMD schools for the Environmental Consultant Council (I am serving as Chair), Landscape Design Council and currently taking the training for the Gardening School. I am also a Carroll County Master Gardener and have recently completed the training for the Maryland Master Naturalist program and I'm working on completing my volunteer hours. In addition to gardening, I enjoy traveling, reading, beekeeping, and volunteering at church.

FGCMD State Board Reports

Awards ...Chair Ann Street, Co-chair Bob Howatt

We are pleased to announce the Mae Scott Food Bank Award has been added to Selection Committee Awards of the FGCMD Awards Manual. This is a \$100 cash award for contributing food grown by an individual FGCMD garden club and donated to a local food bank or a garden club working with a Community Garden in which food is distributed to a local food bank.



New edits to the FGCMD Awards Manual thus far include:

- 1) Electronic submission of all applications.
- 2) Adding a link to the NGC website for tutorials on how to save documents
- 3) Specifying who makes up the Photography Awards Panel
- 4) NGC requiring one high quality photograph of any completed project with the application
- 5) Changing the deadline date for submission of Youth Contests to the District by December 1st.

Other manual edits will be completed to the current manual after NGC notifies us of final changes in July.

Current Awards Manual to be updated in July Link: fgcofmd.org/awards/

Mae Scott Tapestry Award - Landscape Design Council Mae Scott Food Bank Donations Award - FGCMD Award

(Minutes of the January 10, 2023 FGCMD Board Meeting)

President O'Kelly has been speaking with Mae's husband, Bill Scott, regarding the Mae Scott Tapestry Award. Over the past few years, no funds were awarded from this account, and the balance is roughly \$15,000. Hoping to expand the purpose of this award, President O'Kelly sought Bill's approval to set up an award similar to an NGC award in which monies would be awarded for contributions of food grown by an individual club and donated to a local food bank, or to a club working with a Community Garden in which food was also distributed to a local food bank. Bill enthusiastically supported this idea.

2nd VP, Marcia Richard, made the Motion to approve a new award, "Mae Scott Food Bank Donations Award", to be awarded annually. The winner of the award will receive a \$100 award that will be funded by the Mae Scott Baird Fund. The motion was seconded, no discussion, vote taken, motion approved.

(Gardenews - February 2009 issue)

Mae Wales Scott, a 35 year member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, the National Garden Clubs Organization and Ikebana International, passed away from lung cancer January 7, 2009. Her floral designs and horticulture received many blue ribbons and best of show at both



shows. She was known for her "Tapestry Landscape Gardens" containing various varieties of evergreens displaying their foliage colors, shapes, sizes and textures. She was a long standing member of the York Manor Garden Club, serving as President for the 1978 – 1979 terms. Her association with garden clubs continued in Jacksonville where she transferred to the Manor Garden Club and (served two terms as President. Mae achieved key positions in the District III of the FGCMD becoming Assistant Director and then District III Director. Other activities included Chairman of Flower Shows, Historic Preservation Chairman and Awards Chairman. Mae served the statewide Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland as Recording Secretary, 2nd VP, 1st VP, and State President (2001 – 2003). She was an enthusiastic Fundraiser Chairman, Treasurer of Gardening Study Courses and Landscape Design School, Advanced Design Workshops Chairman, State Directory Chairman, Gardening Study Council Treasurer, State Flower Show Committee, and the committee dedicated to creating the Federation office at Cylburn Arboretum. Mae served as the Protocol Chairman for the Central Atlantic Region consisting of seven states of the National Garden Clubs. She served The National Garden Clubs as State President for Maryland and as Organization Study-Bylaws Chairman. Within the National Garden Club, Mae earned credentials as: Flower Show Master Judge/Council, Landscape Design Master Consultant/Council, Gardening Study Consultant/Council, and Mae held memberships in the Maryland Horticulture Society, Daffodil Society, and President of the local chapter of Ikebana International. Mae's outstanding floral designs and presentations won many blue ribbons and accolades.

Support our FGCMD Scholarship Fund ... and become a Life Member!



Life Memberships may be purchased for \$75 per individual. Proceeds go entirely to the FGCMD Life Member Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships annually to qualified students in accredited U.S. colleges and universities.

Life members receive a **Black-eyed Susan pin**.

Application link fgcofmd.org/membersupport/



A Wealth of Garden Club
information available
for you!



National Garden Clubs, Inc. Website:

[Homepage | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](http://www.nationalgardenclubs.org)

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs:

[Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs | National Garden Clubs \(car-sgc.org\)](http://www.car-sgc.org)

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Blue and Gold Star Memorial Marker Program

Chair Carolyn MacGlashan, Co-chair Nicki Schwab

A Blue or Gold Star Memorial Marker project is a significant accomplishment that garden club members can achieve. It is also a poignant reminder to never forget our servicemen and their families. A Blue Star Memorial Marker honors all veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free and safe from harm. A Gold Star Memorial Marker honors the family members of deceased veterans.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker project began after WWII by National Garden Clubs.

For more information:

[Blue and Gold Star Memorials | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)

In 1948, the FGCMD petitioned the MD General Assembly to declare Route 301/50 a Blue Star Highway. The Blue Star Highway was officially dedicated by Governor McKeldin in 1949. Since then, there are currently 46 Blue and Gold Star Markers that have been installed by the FGCMD and its federated garden clubs in Maryland.

If your club is interested in the Blue/Gold Memorial Marker program, there are three marker options, including the **Blue Star Highway Marker**. This marker must go on Blue Star Highway Route 301/50. Approval from the MD Department of Transportation is required.

There are also the **Blue/Gold Star Memorial Markers**, which are installed in public spaces that are civic and community minded. The **Blue/Gold By-Way Markers** are smaller plaques that can be installed in public spaces. Many of these markers are mounted on stone and displayed in Blue Star gardens.

If your club is interested in a project, many veteran organizations are willing to sponsor and underwrite the cost of a marker.

The most recent prices of the markers from our manufacturer Sewah Studios are:

- Highway or Memorial Marker, that includes a post and shipping- \$1,995.00.
- Byway Plaques- \$665.00 (Be sure to consider the extra cost of mounting the plaque.)
- Replacement Posts- \$375.00

If you are interested in a project, contact Carolyn MacGlashan cmacglashan@gmail.com or Nicki Schwab mako261mom@aol.com for an application.



Conservation and Environmental AwarenessChair Carolyn Braverman

RECYCLING

Ever wonder what the recycling logo means?

Each arrow of the design represents one of the steps in the recycling process.



1. Collecting and processing

2. Manufacturing – new products from old

3. Packaging those new products

Why do it?

You can probably name off few benefits:

- Reduce emissions from greenhouse gases... Prevent buildup of material in waterways ..**
- Reduce material in landfills... Contribute to clean air and land!**

By **reusing materials**, we conserve natural resources as fewer raw materials need to be harvested and less energy is consumed to generate new products. **Aluminum** cans for example: a ton of soda cans made with recycled aluminum saves 21,000 kilowatt hours by reducing the virgin bauxite (bozite) ore that would have to be mined, shipped, and refined. That's a 95% energy savings. One ton of recycled aluminum saves 40 barrels of oil, 130. 152.32 million BTU's of energy, and 10 cubic yards of landfill space.

Newsprint: one ton of recycled newsprint saves 601 Kwh of energy, 1.7 barrels of oil (71 gallons), 10.2 million BTUs of energy, 60 pounds of air pollutants from being released, 7,000 gallons of water, and 4.6 cubic yards of landfill space.

* **Recycling 10 plastic bottles** saves enough energy to power a laptop for over 25 hours. And that is just a couple of examples of savings in energy, pollutants, water and landfill space. Here are a few examples of products made with recycled content: car bumpers, carpeting, laundry detergent bottles, nails, trash bags.

There is another aspect to recycling that we may not think about: **Jobs!** As the recycling industries expand and grow, more jobs are created, bringing higher wages to States and localities. cEPA's Recycling Economic Report (REI) of 2020 reports that in 2012, 681,00 jobs were created, \$37.8 billion in wages paid, and \$5.5 billion in tax revenue was generated.

There are benefits to Community. It is sometimes called Environmental Justice as recycling helps underserved communities where traditionally waste management facilities are located. Internationally, US generated waste sent to other countries affects communities. Yet, "Recycled materials are exported to countries that are not able to manage those materials in an environmentally sound manner" (EPA Recycling in the United States).

What are the challenges to Recycling

- Confusion about what, where and how to recycle
- Recycling infrastructure has not kept pace with today's waste stream
- Domestic markets for recycled material are weak

Everyone on board? Of course we are!

*Statistics taken from Stanford University, Stanford, PSSI/Stanford Recycling, Land, Buildings and Real Estate

Current Actions

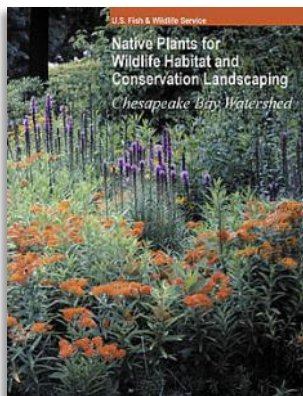
- EPA developed a draft National Recycling Strategy for a national municipal solid waste recycling system
- Recycling Pledge: available for United States organizations to sign up, thus signaling their interest in participating in the recycling program.
- **November 15: National Recycling Day**

A GREAT on-line Resource for "Maryland Native Plants"

"**Conservation landscaping**" refers to landscaping with specific goals of reducing pollution and improving the local environment. In the Chesapeake Bay watershed (the land that drains to the Bay and its many tributaries), this style of landscaping is sometimes called "BayScaping," or beneficial landscaping. Conservation landscaping provides habitat for local and migratory animals, conserves native plants and improves water quality. Landowners also benefit as this type of landscaping reduces the time and expense of mowing, watering, fertilizing and treating lawn and garden areas, and offers greater visual interest than lawn.

Beneficial landscaping can also be used to address areas with problems such as erosion, poor soils, steep slopes, or poor drainage. (Excerpt from page 3)

Link: [testbook.indb \(maryland.gov\)](http://testbook.indb (maryland.gov))



In Memoriam

Gladys Hemphill

1930– 2023

FGCMD President 1987-1989

Betty MacGlashan Nelson

1930-2022

FGCMD President 2003-2005

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Climate Action Committee Chair Lynn Walter

A New FGCMD Committee!

Following the **conservation and sustainable theme** established by our FGCMD President Susie Middleton, a new and exciting committee has been formed: the **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**. We encourage all interested persons, and especially Club Conservation Chairs, to join us as we map out a strategy for making all of our clubs more knowledgeable about the climate issues the world is facing, and offering positive steps we can all take to help make a difference.

While the problems we face are monumental, there are things we can all do to make a difference. Only by working together, across our nation and around the globe, can we hope to succeed in this all important challenge. We can all begin with our own grass roots efforts to combat climate change, habitat loss, and myriad other issues, while helping promote sustainability and stewardship of this wonderful world we live in. This committee will function as a clearing house for: practical ideas to implement, speakers to engage, programs to present. Please contact Carolyn Braverman if you would like to join this all important committee. carolynb28@gmail.com



Maryland Legislation HB0950

Link: [Legislation - HB0950 \(maryland.gov\)](https://legislation.maryland.gov/legislation.aspx?id=HB0950)

NEW! Maryland Native Plant Program

Approved by the Governor!

The bill has been approved by the governor and will take effect in July 1, 2024. Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to respond to the increasing demand for, use of, and sale of native plants at retail garden centers and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Program in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension and to establish the "Maryland Natives" marketing program; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent to serve as a native plant specialist for certain purposes; etc.

Maryland's Climate Pathway Report - June 2023

[Maryland's Climate Pathway Report](#)

Maryland has set ambitious climate goals:

60% reductions by 2031 & net-zero economy by 2045

Maryland has set the most aggressive climate goal of any state in the country. The goals of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2031 and reaching net zero emissions by 2045 are enshrined in law. Maryland can do this through an all-of-society approach with deliberate reductions across all sectors of the economy and greenhouse gases presented in the Maryland's Climate Pathway report.

Climate Action is already underway in Maryland!

Maryland Department of the Environment:

[New Analysis Gives Options for Meeting Maryland's Climate Goals](#)

Photography Tips! Chair Mary Ellen Pluemer

Smartphone Photography!

An easier way to **take selfies & other photos** if the shutter button is hard to reach while taking photos: simply press either "Volume Button" on the side of your phone to snap the picture!

Shoot from a different PERSPECTIVE: Instead of always taking pictures while standing up, try shooting from a lower angle like kneeling, stooping, or sitting or with the camera at ground level or pointing upward! A new perspective can **make your photos more intriguing, add depth, and draw your attention to more details!**

*Clockwise: On the ground for a mushroom photo,
Same hydrangea shrub, photos from 2 different angles
Camera pointed upward for a backlit dogwood flower photo*
Photos: Mary Ellen Pluemer, Tina Swanson



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Horticulture ...Chair Jennifer Evans, Co-chair Gay Bohn**THE HORT REPORT**

The flood of bulb catalogs for fall planting are starting to arrive in our mailboxes. Do you have a space in one of your borders to add some interest where bulbs would be appropriate? Remember a few tips. Be sure there is an emerging perennial or shrub to cover the bulb area after the blooms die down. Closely spaced plants can also create protection from deer damage. Newly planted bulbs need care just like other plants. Don't forget to water the bulbs in and continue to water if we don't have significant rainfall. As you get ready to add to or start a new garden, consider some of these bulbs.

CAMASSIA

There are very few native North American bulbs. Almost all of them are from the Western half of the US from the plains to the Northwest and California. One of the best to grow in Maryland is *Camassia leichtlinii*, a nice tall (2') Camus or Indian Lily. The shorter (1') variety is *C. quamash*. These plantings offer a beautiful blue color spot in the garden and attract butterflies and hummingbirds as pollinators. They tolerate dry and moist areas and can be grown in light shade.

Interestingly some Mediterranean bulbs grow well in Maryland too.

**THE TULIP**

The Tulip is actually a wildflower that originated in Turkey. It was brought to Holland in the 1500's, and due to its instant popularity, a single bulb was soon worth more than a diamond. The wet, cold climate was hard on the tulips, however, and they were susceptible to disease. One particular disease was spread by aphids from flower to flower, resulting in the multi-colored petals of the exclusive Rembrandt Tulip. The bulbs of this tulip became status symbols, and people were trading everything that they owned for a single specimen. By the 1600's, "Tulip Mania" was in full bloom.

Many species tulips are resistant to deer damage and can be successfully planted in Maryland. A modern-day maintenance tip for tulips in your garden recommends that when your tulips die, cut off the faded bloom heads, then let the leaves die naturally. Dig the bulbs up after six weeks and let them dry. Store the bulbs in a cool, dry place (avoid storing them in plastic), and replant in the fall. Bulbs left in the ground can rot if the soil becomes too wet, however some of the species tulips can be considered perennial and can be left in the ground.

NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM

An interesting bulb about which you may not have heard is the *Nectaroscordum siculum* or Sicilian Honey Garlic. It is a native of the Mediterranean region but grows very well in Maryland gardens. One of the reasons it does so well is that it is deer resistant; but the best reason is that it attracts honeybees. The importance of being a nectar source for bees is that it is one more trait to help with the decline of our bee populations.

The bulbs of *Nectaroscordum siculum* should be planted in the fall. The pink and green tinged cream bells tip up and down from a multi bloom 6–8 inch head atop a 30 - 40 inch leafless stem arising from a basal group of thin leaves. They look best when planted in groups so that they make an impact in the garden. In a recent issue of a gardening magazine, they are shown with "Caesar's Brother" *Iris siberica* and *Hemerocallis* "Hyperion" on the inside back cover.

As you peruse catalogs, remember that many of the bulbs you see can be purchased locally, especially at independent retailers. "Independents" may also stock more unusual bulbs and have staff who are avid gardeners to show you bulbs to try that are interesting and unusual. These can really bring life to your garden and, best of all, the Horticulture division at flower shows. **Camassia & Rembrandt Tulip Drawings by Allianora Rosse; Nectaroscordum Photo by Jennifer A. Evans**

**Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs | Annual Conference & Tri-Refresher | October 23-26, 2023****"Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure"**

Radisson Hotel
125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, NY 14830

Three full days of outstanding programs and presenters, activities, tours and an opportunity to meet and mingle with other garden club members across the region who share your interests. Don't miss it! Click links for details:

[Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs | National Garden Clubs \(car-sgc.org\)](https://www.centralatlanticregion.org/)

FGCMD website Calendar: fgcofmd.org/calendar/

FGCMD Continuing Education & Garden Notes

Gardening School ...Chair Linda Harris

Course 3 - September 6 - 7, 2023!

Gardening School Course 2 was held on April 12 & 13, 2023, at the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum. 34 people attended, 28 students, two of whom, Betty Reeves and Linda Harris, completed their fourth course and are now Gardening Consultants, and 6 consultants refreshed to maintain certification.

We also added 13 new members to our Gardening Council.

Gardening School Course 3 will be held September 6-7 at the Vollmer Center. This course will feature Jennifer Evans, Kirk Brown, and Kathy Jentz as the instructors. Also included is a teaching tour of the Gramercy Mansion gardens by owner and designer, Anne Pomykala.

The school brochure and registration is available at the FGCMD website or by contacting Linda Harris at lindaharris355@aol.com Calendar link on fgcofmd.org website: fgcofmd.org/calendar/

Link for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Guide for Students & Consultants": [schools-guide-for-students-and-consultants-october-2020.pdf](https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/schools-guide-for-students-and-consultants-october-2020.pdf) (gardenclub.org)

Earth Day Special Event ...a great success! Linda Harris



A special FGCMD Earth Day Event was held on April 27, 2023 at the Vollmer Center with 88 in attendance. It featured five dynamic speakers who all expanded on Susie Middleton's president theme of **"Sustaining Mother Earth ...one action at a time"**.

Dr. Sara Via talked about Biodiversity, evidence that we are losing it and how we, as individuals can help rebuild it. Claudia Donegan, explained the concept of a keystone species – in this case the beaver and how a program to rebuild their population has led to wetland restoration – actually improving an ecosystem.

Caroline Blizzard illustrated the plight of our bird population – certainly one of the most critically challenged species.

Brian Kane talked about Old Growth Forests, where the approach has been to protect what already exists. Finally, "Can we mandate change?"

Our last group of presenters gave us an example of legislative action with an update on the Clean Water Act. FGCMD fund raising at this event began a fund for the President's Project "Sustaining Maryland – Grants for Garden Clubs".



Tina Swanson

Judges Council ...Chair Anna O'Kelly

Featured: Cascade Design Emphasis on a downward rhythmic movement; a minimum of components may extend upward.

Designer: Judy Slaughter ...as inspired by Joy Erickson in the 2020 'Vision of Beauty' calendar, and in honor of Susie Middleton, incoming FGCMD President, March, 2023

Materials: Anthurium, variegated flax, lily grass, bear grass, Spanish moss, pittosporum

Past FGCMD President Diana Bonner installed Judges Council officers for the 2023-2025 term at the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Chairman - Anna O'Kelly

Vice-chairman - Susan Palmer

Secretary - Patti At Lee

Treasurer - Marjorie Glennan

Nicki Schwab will continue as Credentials Chairman.

Susan Palmer will remain Flower Show Evaluation Chairman.

A complete list of accredited Judges who are eligible to judge flower shows is available.

Judges Council page: fgcofmd.org/councilandschools/judges/

or Flower Shows page: fgcofmd.org/councilandschools/flowershows/

A free download of the "Digital Handbook for Flower Shows-Revised July 2022" is also located on both pages.

Promote your Club Events on the FGCMD website "Calendar Page" and on FGCMD facebook!

Advertise your Flower Shows, Fundraisers, Plant Sales, Bus Trips and other special events on the FGCMD website calendar page and the FGCMD facebook page! *Flyers must be pre-approved before posting and include photo credit with photos.*

FGCMD Website Calendar: send dates, details & contact information, and flyers* Email: website@fgcofmd.org

FGCMD facebook: send info and/or flyers* - Email: facebook@fgcofmd.org

News from Around the State

District I - Eastern Shore Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester Counties

...Trish Reynolds pkr26998@gmail.com



District I Director Terry Holman This new term started off brightly with performing Installations for Chestertown, Kent Island, Oxford, and Four Seasons Garden Clubs. Our Board for the 2023-2025 term has been filled and we held a special Orientation Meeting on May 17, 2023.

Our September 24, 2023, Standard Flower Show, "Harvest Highlights" won an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award, 11A. We are even more excited to plan a new District Standard Flower Show during our term which will be hosted by the Somerset Co. Garden Club.

For my theme, "Sustaining the Eastern Shore - Gardening for Wildlife," our Horticulture Chairman, Maureen Rice, has planned extensive workshops and demonstrations on growing **Native Flowering Perennials** from seed, which we will be selling to our members as a fundraiser. Our Horticulture programs will also educate on landscaping requirements to bring in more wildlife and pollinators to our gardens and how to grow healthy houseplants for flower show exhibition. Additional gardening topics will be shared in our District I Newsletter, *Garden Basket*, by Chairman, Trish Reynolds, and will include articles by District Chairmen on a rotating basis.

Chestertown GC The town of Chestertown celebrated Earth Day and the garden club was an active participant. In Fall of 2022, we started to prepare the soil for a new shade garden in Fountain Park. After a winter of ordering plants and dreaming, the new garden took shape as we invited children (and their parents) to help plant. The kids loved getting their hands in the dirt and playing with worms and took home their plant's tag so they could remember what they planted.



Jeff Comer, Connie Hartwig, Cyndi Hoffman Marlene Moores, Peggy Hill

Dorchester GC Our Youth Garden Chairman, Mary Ann Moore, has developed a project at the YWCA with youth from the after-school care program. The Y has given permission for the construction of raised garden beds in an undeveloped portion of the property. The children have had training in the composition of soils, watering, and fertilization. In addition, they have planted, labeled and tended vegetables. Recently, as the lettuce has

matured, children have received some of the produce to take home for consumption. Soil, building supplies, fertilizer, seeds, and starter plants were donated by local nurseries, etc.



Four Season GC Youth Gardening - FSGC's most recent library youth program -Ann Street brought small jars and flowers for the children to work with in making bouquets. There was also a color wheel to explain the use of colors and a PowerPoint presentation by the library. It was noted that the children were very knowledgeable about pollinators and the parents were also interested and grateful for the program.



Ann Street teaching Young Gardeners

Kent Island GC In honor of National Garden Week, Kent Island Garden Club's meeting was hosted by Sun-Kissed Flower Farm in Stevensville, MD. After our garden side meeting, Rachel Ross, gave us a tour and we enjoyed a make and take bouquet from the garden.



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Oxford GC Spring 2023 has been an exciting and fun filled time for OGC. In March, a workshop was held with TCGC and Dorchester GC members created the table designs for the FGCMD Annual Meeting. In April, we visited the Delaware Botanic Gardens in Dagsboro, DE. We had the opportunity to see the beautiful meadow garden designed by Piet Ouldof, walk through the woodland gardens, and catch a glimpse of the species tulips and daffodils in bloom.

Our most exciting news! OGC was a recipient of a NGC Plant America Grant of \$1,000. The identified project was underplanting a large tree on Oxford town property. The plan included planting species that tolerate shade and be relatively maintenance free. The plants selected included 3 varieties of hostas, hellebores and euphorbia, planted like spokes on a wheel.



Reenie Rice, Susie Middleton, Roberta Maguire, Pat Jessup, Sylvia Bluthe

Queen Anne's County GC In May, our club decorated our County Seat of Centreville for spring. We planted over 40 window boxes and pots around the Centreville Courthouse Square, spruced up the American Legion grounds and the Blue Star memorial garden and tended Tucker House Garden. In May, we partnered with The Queen Anne's County Historical Society on the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour in Centreville providing delicious, boxed lunches for the participants. In conjunction with this event, QACGC held a May Mart generating record funds to support our club's activities by selling Mother's Day gifts, plants, and baked goods . *Anne Foss at the fundraiser*



Somerset County GC (SCGC) had old-fashioned fun with Trish Reynolds playing BINGO when she visited to install officers for 2023 – 2024. Best bingo prizes ever - herb plants! Our herb show titled "Summer Herb Garden" will take place on July 29th from 1-4 pm Details: fgcofmd.org/calendar/. Earth Day projects - cleaning up the grounds around the Blue Star marker and the daffodils donated years ago by SCGC at the Somerset County Complex.

Talbot County GC had a busy few months with community involvement activities. For the opening of an extension of the Rails-To-Trails in Easton, Club members designed several gardens along the trail, purchased the plant material, shrubs and trees for the gardens, and several benches to be enjoyed along the way. In addition, the club refurbished the well-known Fountain Garden by removing diseased boxwood and installing a small stone wall to enhance the beauty of the garden. And finally, TCGC purchased plant material for the redesign of the front gardens of the Easton Post Office. As a result of these activities, and many years of past giving by TCGC, the Club was presented Certificates of Appreciation by the Town of Easton City Council and the Talbot County Council, and the Key to the City of Easton by Mayor Wiley. Youth Gardening activities have continued with monthly programs for young children in grades 1-4 from public, private, parochial, and home schools. A recent example - young gardeners will appreciate their salads more after learning that it takes seeds, soil, sunshine, water, and a bit of work to harvest a delicious, nutritious crop.



TCGC Pres. Carolyn Rugg receiving the Key to the City of Easton from Easton Mayor Robert Wiley

Worcester County GC On May 13, 2023, the Club held the first of four scheduled plant sales at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market to raise funds for an annual \$1,000 scholarship presented to a deserving Worcester County public school senior who plans to major in horticulture, botany or agricultural, ecological or environmental studies. The plant sale was preceded by an April workshop during which members potted plants dug from their yards or grown from seed. Despite drizzly weather, the sale netted \$381 and puts us well on the way to achieving our goal.



Jan King, Jo-Ann Fiscina, Martha Bennett

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District II – Southern Maryland Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's Counties ... *Shirley Santora shysanta@verizon.net*



District II Director Rose Gazarek The District II theme is *Caring for Creation*. We care for creation by nurturing our clubs, our members, our gardens, and our communities. A great deal of energy has been spent over a long period of time caring for creation in District II. Two recent examples include Chartwell Garden Club's 60th Anniversary recently celebrated and Hollyberry Garden Club's 68 years as a club. Our clubs are planning activities for the community - examples include Calvert Garden Club's Art Blooms at Anmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center in Solomons from August 4-6. This is a "must attend" event. Forest Garden Club held a Flower Power Floral Exhibition that was enjoyable for all who participated and attended. Chesapeake Garden Club provides advice to the community on Monarchs at the Fairview Library in Owings. Finally, Shipley's Choice Garden Club received the Maryland State Medium Size Club Garden Therapy certificate—an achievement this District is proud of. Congratulations to all clubs and members for caring for creation!

Calvert GC ART BLOOMS at Anmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD, August 4-6, 2023. The event flyer, contact information, and details to sign up as a floral designer are on the fgcofmd.org Calendar page; Click this link: fgcofmd.org/calendar/



Chartwell GC In the Fall of 2022 Chartwell GC received a grant from Unity Gardens thanks to the grant writing skills of club member Sally Sachse. Our club members worked diligently to remove plantings from our garden at the B&A Trail and then reinstall our "Pollination Station Garden".

At the District II Daffodil Show in April, club member Shirley Santora "hit one out of the ballpark", as her creative line design, "Home Run", earned a Blue Ribbon, the Tri-Color Ribbon, the Award of Design Excellence, and the Marie Coulter Award for her distinguished use of daffodils in a design. This month Chartwell Garden Club celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Severn Inn. A fitting end to the year!



Shirley Santora's winning line design "Home Run"
Congratulations!
Photo by Peggy Turnblacer

Chesapeake GC (CGC) held its annual plant sale in May at the Fairview Library in Owings. With the cooperation of the library staff and the community, the sale was very successful. As part of the CGC's outreach projects, members plant, cultivate, and tend the gardens that surround the library. CGC shared advice to patrons on gardening and had an informative display of the Monarch butterfly. As a thank you to the librarians, CGC presented them with a basket filled with goodies and munchies! They were so appreciative of the gifts but more importantly of the Club's ongoing work in their gardens. In mid-June, CGC members plan an outing at the Historic London Town Gardens and lunch to celebrate the end of the year.



Hollyberry GC Our Club recently held its installation of officers in May, by the waterside of the Severn River. Our new President, Ann Bacot Edwards, is on her second term, 20 years after serving her first term as president. We also celebrate 68 years as a club and 60 years as Federated.

Our members continue to maintain the gardens at the Severna Park Library. Every May, we have Book Blooms at the Library where several members submit arrangements along with their book selection.

Forest GC On Friday May 19, 2023, the Forest GC had their Flower Power Floral Exhibition at The Marlborough Hunt Club. All arrangements used fresh flowers, and/or organic/natural ingredients. No fruits, vegetables, dried, or silk materials. Materials used reflected the theme, *"How we celebrate our lives with flowers."* There were five themes. 1) May Day: Basket or Wreaths; 2) milestones: tabletop arrangements; 3) Wedding: Fireplace opening; 4) Holidays: Fireplaces opening; 5) A little Bit of Spring: four miniatures not to exceed 5 inches The Clubhouse was decorated beautifully with 20 different arrangements. Special thanks to Rosamond Dove who was so kind to except our invitation to come and judge our flower show. She had a wonderful time critiquing each one of the flower arrangements. We did ourselves proud!

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Shipley's Choice GC Throughout the year we have focused speakers and projects on **"keystone native plants"**. Highlight programs included a lecture on Chesapeake Bay friendly gardening from the lead horticulturalist at Himmel's Nursery in Pasadena, MD and a Bay-Wise lecture from two UMD Extension Master Gardeners. A number of our members are currently awaiting their Bay-Wise certification yard visits.

The Shipley's Choice Spring Annual Plant Sale funds our programs for the upcoming year. S'23 saw a 46% revenue increase! This also allows us to maintain and further grow 2 pollinator gardens within the community.

Lastly, Shipley's is pleased to share that we were awarded the FGCMD Medium Size Club Garden Therapy certificate. It is our pleasure to work with the seniors at the Brightview Senior Living center multiple times throughout the year.



District III Baltimore & Harford Counties ...Judy Walter judywalter1@verizon.net and Toni Serruto tserruto@towson.edu



District III Director Randy Low As the new director for District III, I have been busy working on projects that will put my theme **"Learning to Garden Sustainably in order to Preserve the Earth, Nature and Man"** into action. I enjoyed installing new officers for the Lutherville Garden Club and the Glen Arm Garden Club.

We held a District III presidents' orientation meeting discussing resources that are available to clubs to help with programing, membership, and other topics. There was discussion about what the district can do to help district clubs. These topics will be continued at the September presidents and delegates meeting. The district committees have been busy working on their tasks. The Newsletter, Awards, and Meetings & Arrangements Committees in particular have been very active. Members of the district have worked at Hampton Mansion and several clubs have planned bus trips. The district has also planned a workshop in October to learn how to decorate pumpkins with succulents and how to use the pumpkins in tablescapes for the Thanksgiving holiday. I look forward to continuing to work with the clubs and help them implement my theme.

Evergreen GC members were thrilled to end the 2022-23 season with an annual bus trip. Members traveled to Bucks County to visit the **Tyler Formal Gardens** which were constructed in the 1930s for the magnificent weekend home of George F. and Stella Elkins Tyler. The second stop was the **Ambler Arboretum** on the Temple University Ambler Campus. Arboretum Director Kathleen Salisbury's talk highlighted plans for recovery from a devastating tornado and the education of horticulture and landscape architecture students.

Glen Arm GC is excited to announce its fall 2023 bus trip on Thursday, September 14 to the **Hagley Museum and Nemours Mansion located in Wilmington, DE.**

Link: details and contact info: fgcofmd.org/calendar/

Halten GC Scholarships have been a big part of the year for Halten GC. The club funded 3 scholarships. These were presented to a Hampton Mansion Garden intern, a Hereford High School senior student majoring in Horticulture, and a gift to the GCA for an Urban Forestry scholarship. The Sherwood House patio garden maintained by Halten GC members will be re-planted this fall.

Monkton GC enjoyed a tour of Walnut Hill, a private residence owned A.C. and Penny Hubbard. The 2 acre gardens were designed in collaboration with renowned plantsman, Kurt Bluemel. It was spectacular and very informative. This spring members made hypertufa containers and will likely make more out of the meeting environment. Aspiring craftsman abound! The team is busy planning for next year. Monkton GC has several younger members with some great ideas. Stay tuned!

Wiltondale GC's current project is to support the creation of a community garden in Historic East Towson's **Adelaide Bentley Park**. The neighborhood dates back to 1829 when Maryland's 15th governor, Charles Carnan Ridgely of Hampton estates died, and the terms of his will freed some of the hundreds of people he enslaved. The neighborhood has been decimated over the decades with development, roads, and even an electrical substation runs through it, yet it remains home to many descendants of those freed slaves.

Historic East Towson is currently working on several projects to strengthen their community. The Wiltondale GC hopes to boost the efforts of its neighbors with weeding days at the park, as well as significant monetary donations from fundraising to create the community garden this fall. The club will be looking for fellow weed warriors, as well as tool donations for the community gardens. If you or your club would be interested in lending a hand, let us know! Members are finding it to be one of the most impactful projects we've worked on, and we can promise your efforts will be appreciated!

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York Manor GC activities for the end of 2023 have included an environmental presentation on Protecting our Chesapeake Bay, a pressed flower workshop, and a guided tour of Cylburn Arboretum. Members are planning for programs for next year and plan to focus on increasing membership.

Pressed Flower Workshop



District IV Baltimore City ...Katherine Edwards Katherine.s.edwards@gmail.com



District IV Director Gretchen Edwards

After two years of Covid slumber, District IV will focus on fun! A trip is planned for Oct 3 to the Arlington Mansion in Virginia and the Bonsai garden at the National Arboretum. Our District IV Presidents' meeting will be held at the Cylburn Mansion at Cylburn Arboretum on Oct 12. Maidie Podles, the outgoing president, will host a leadership conference after the presidents' reports. We celebrate with thanksgiving the service of two stalwarts of District IV, Brian Causey and Eleanor Oster, who have both made great contributions of their time and talent to the District. The District IV Annual Meeting will be held on March 19, 2024 at the L'Hirondelle Club.

The **Homeland GC** hosted an NGC, Inc. Small Standard Flower Show, "Celebrating Baltimore", at the Woman's Club of Roland Park May 17-18, 2023. This show provided a community service to the members of the WCRP. Although members of the WCRP garden club were invited to join, we did not have any volunteers. For the past several flower shows, the HGC has mentored several area clubs by inviting participation to hold joint flower shows.

Thirteen members of the HGC participated in our show; 11 contributed designs and horticulture. An additional 2 members contributed horticulture only for a total of 67 horticulture entries! Judges were Liz Williams, Judy Slaughter and Shelley Johnson. Two Town & Country (District III) GC members, Beth Diehl and Sue Waters, served as clerks.

FGCofMD top awards were as follows:

Best in Show: Sylvia Parker-An American Traditional Mass Design "Honoring the Rawlings Conseratory."

Sweepstakes Award: Kathleen Brosi, Arboreal Awards (2) awarded to Kathleen Brosi and Susie Boutillier. Award of Merit (3) awarded to Sylvia Parker, Kathleen Brosi and Mary Ann Thompson.

Award of Horticulture Excellence: Sylvia Parker.

The Homeland Garden Club is grateful to the Woman's Club of Roland Park for allowing us to hold our show in the beautiful, historic house and gardens. It is the tradition of the HGC to host a show every other year. We look forward to our next show in 2025!



Best in Show
Sylvia Parker

District V – Western Maryland Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Washington Counties ...Genecile Weston olemissbelle76@gmail.com



District V Director Shelley Johnson

District V's theme for the next two years, is **Connect, Create, Conserve** and the members of the district have started to embrace it. In May, the DV Executive Board Committee and New Presidents "connected" with Getting to Know You activities. They were able to put names with faces and shared ideas on programs, speakers, and trips. The presidents were asked to present their future club reports in a "creative" way, through an Education Display instead of an oral report to promote dialog between members. And at least one centerpiece theme will be about conservation through recycling materials. This District V Director installed new officers in June

ceremonies for Carroll GC, Mt. Airy GC and Green-walled GC. Seeing how these club members laughed, shared, and supported each other was very special. District V is especially proud to have participated in the National Garden Club convention where Howard County GC received a national award and a monetary supplement for their outstanding work at the Mary Jerdone Colman Garden in Ellicott City, MD. Congratulations to the members involved in bringing this recognition to Maryland.



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Howard County GG Members of our garden club volunteer throughout the year in Garden Therapy projects. We work with the Kindred Spirits and the Senior Plus program at The Ellicott City 50+ Center and the East Columbia 50+ Center. Participants in the May 9th activity created beautiful designs to take home and some arrangements were given to the Staff at the Senior Center. Flowers and greenery came from our yards, some purchased flowers, and others were donated.

In addition, the HC Garden Club received national recognition with a \$1,000 award for a the native plant garden at the Mary Jerdone Coleman Garden at Patapsco Female Institute in Ellicott City.



HCGC members leading Garden Therapy project: Colette Crandall, Ginny Matthias, Joanne Winters, Dorcas Zoller and Karen Learmouth.

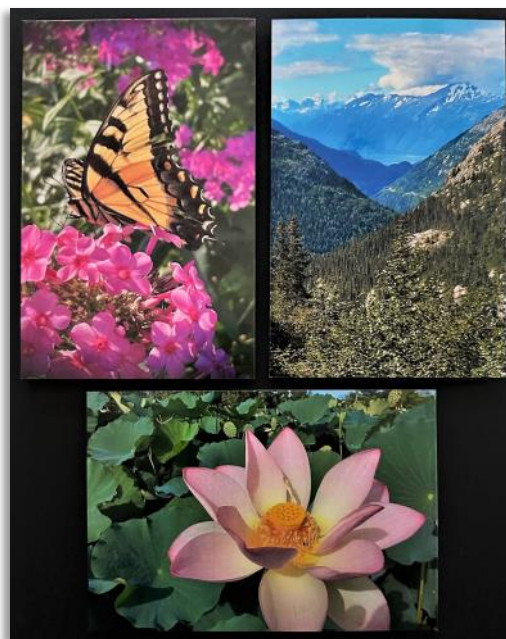
Mountain Laurel GC Through a partnership among Garrett County Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Homeowners, and Mountain Laurel Garden Club (MLGC), the second native plant garden was completed by members of MLGC in Hopeland Village at the home of Cheryl Smearman. The plants were selected by MLGC for their great value to pollinators, including hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, and moths. A total of 83 plants (10 native species) were planted by MLGC. To create the garden for Cheryl, members of MLGC removed the existing sod, tilled the garden area, added 50 cubic feet of topsoil and composted leaf soil conditioner, planted the 83 plants, and covered the area with 3" of shredded hardwood mulch.



Many MLGC members worked on this garden. Pictured (l-r) Mary Lou Kenney, Jenny Neville, Sherri Snyder, Joan Harvey, and Louise Carmichael

Mt. Airy GC National Garden Clubs, Inc. and FGCMMD have Photography Chairs offering guidance to help clubs incorporate photography into Flower Shows and to encourage members to improve their photography skills. In 2022-23, MAGC established a Photography Committee to share photo tips and short PowerPoint presentations at monthly meetings to help members improve the composition of photos for more aesthetically pleasing results. In September, we will begin club "smart phone outings" in our parks to learn about the capabilities of smartphone photography. Smartphones have amazing cameras! At our recent April Club Flower Show, 31 photos were entered in three categories. Members learned how to mount their photos at our club workshop and as members were deciding which of their photos to choose to enter, there was much discussion, critique and support from fellow members. The Photo Committee was quite pleased as they observed enthusiastic photographers discussing the qualities that make great photos!

NGC, Inc. Link: [Photography | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](https://www.nationalgardenclubs.org/)



*1st place ribbons:
Mary LeGore, Beverly McNemar*

Green-walled GC has enjoyed a unique relationship with Catocin Furnace Historical Society for the past 10+ years. GwGC has been an active partner in establishing and maintaining a kitchen garden and pollinator garden at the historic Collier Log Cabin, as well as donating an interpretive sign explaining the historical context of the gardens for visitors. Visitor feedback at Catocin Furnace has demonstrated the power of the landscape to attract visitors, with many citing the scale and authenticity of the gardens and interpretive elements as principal motivators to visit and linger. In May, the Catocin Furnace Historical Society, with a commitment of matching funds from GwGC, received a grant from the Frederick County Tourism Reinvestment in Promotion & Product (TRIPP) Program for FY24. Funds will be used to install

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plant name and origin signage within the historic kitchen and pollinator gardens, install appropriate (indigenous) plantings around the historic structures, and provide historically appropriate garden seating for educational events, to name a few. The GwGC will continue to be actively involved in this enhancement project making the Catoctin Furnace gardens and historic cultural landscape a unique tourist destination.

The GC of Frederick recently undertook two fabulous projects in the heart of beautiful Frederick! The turnout to assist with a spring revitalization was fabulous and several members tidied up, did some weeding, pruning, and general sprucing up for the Heritage Garden which is part of the Historical Society of Frederick County. The museum is a showcase of life in years gone by and is a retreat from the bustling sidewalks of Church street.

Another community project close to our hearts is the Frederick Rescue Mission Gardens. The photo shows the old jail yard out back. The old fountain which was cracked at one time is boasting spectacular sedums and the pergola has gorgeous happy honeysuckle climbing up both sides! Vegetables and herbs and being added as we go through the warmer months!



Rescue Mission ...the old jail yard

Notes and Links



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Gardenews Editor*

Gardenews Submission Deadlines ...*Thank you all who contributed to this July 2023 issue!*

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Club Submission Deadline: January 10, June 10, October 10.

District Gardenews Reps send submission requests to their district clubs on January 1st, June 1st, October 1st.

District Gardenews Reps Deadline: January 20, June 20, October 20

District Gardenews Reps send compiled reports & photos to the State Editor.

State Officers, State Chairs, Schools, Councils Deadline: January 20, June 20, October 20

Send your reports and articles to the State Editor.

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Send the event date and details, flyers will be posted on the website calendar page.

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Flyers must be pre-approved for posting and be sure to include photo credit with photos.

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Answer a few questions to become a group member.

The Face Book Group, "NGC Photographers" features monthly themes and weekly challenges to develop and improve photography skills and techniques. Use a camera or your Smartphone... it has an amazing camera! You can join to view photos or post *your* photos and participate in the weekly nature photography challenges!

Photo challenge example:

Weekly Photo Challenge:

Relax in the Garden: "Patterns" in Nature

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