

The Digest

THIRD DISTRICT FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.



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CLUBS IN DISTRICT III

District Three Clubs, by County

Albany: Blue Creek, Guilderland, Helderview

Columbia: Germantown

Dutchess: Tioronda

Greene-Schoharie: Athens Community, Clematis, Schoharie Valley

Rensselaer: Greenbush

Schenectady: The Garden Explorers

Ulster: Community Garden Club of Marlborough on Hudson, New Paltz, Saugerties Society of Little Gardens, Shawangunk, Ulster

From the Director



Greetings to all after a rather mild winter... so far. I hope you are all doing well as we begin our 2024 Garden Club Year. This year is special in that it marks the 100th Anniversary of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York. And so it happened, on March 18, 1924, the Federated Garden Clubs of New York came into being, with twenty-four Clubs as charter members. Of the 24 original clubs, nine remain and will be celebrating their 100 years in FGCNYS this year. Many clubs were already established prior to 1924 and eventually joined the Federation. The Community Garden Club of Marlborough has already celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

On May 6 and 7, the FGCNYS will hold its annual Spring Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly The Desmond) in Albany, NY. This will be a unique opportunity for the members of the Third District to attend all or a portion of the convention in a venue close to home. The highlight of the event will be a gala celebration on the evening of the 7th, with a cocktail hour and banquet. More information will follow as the date approaches. Since the event is being held in our District, it would be proper and fitting to have a large turnout from the Third District. So please save the date and plan to attend.

As in the past, this issue of the February Digest is dedicated mainly to the announcement of our annual Spring District Meeting which will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the Pegasus Restaurant in Cossackie, NY. Our meeting theme is "Spring Splendor" and will feature local vendors, raffle baskets with some great items, and a chance to win some cash with a 50/50 raffle drawing. Our program speaker is acclaimed Master Gardener Denise Maurer whose topic will be "Garden Rooms by Design."

Your Assistant Directors Cindy Teator and Maureen McNamara have been working tirelessly to put this event together, all while keeping the costs at a minimum in order to have as many members as possible enjoy this semi-annual meeting. The "Spring Splendor" flyer and registration form can be found on the following pages: 2 and 4. Our goal is to have participation of members from all 15 Clubs in the Third District. The District Board of Directors is grateful for your continued support.

And finally, Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new Club Presidents who have been elected to office this year. They are:

Irene Clum—Germantown Garden Club

Linda Miller and **Susan Cole** (co-presidents)—Guilderland Garden Club

Dale Winchester—Saugerties Society of Little Garden Clubs

Debra Silverman—Ulster Garden Club

Carol Demicco and **Ingrid Mazzola** (co-presidents)—Community GC of Marlborough

Dottie Norvik and **Zoe Griffin** (co-presidents)—Blue Creek Garden Club

I thank you for your service and commitment to your respective clubs and the Third District. Please feel free to contact me should you require any assistance in carrying out your duties as leaders of your club. And to all outgoing Presidents, thank you for your support and leadership during your terms of office.

With gratitude and warm regards,
Gary Barrack, District Director





SPRING DISTRICT MEETING:

Spring Splendor

Gary Barrack, Director

Third District, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

Cordially invites you to the Spring District Meeting

April 18, 2024

Pegasus Restaurant

10885 State Route 9W, Coxsackie, NY | 518-731-9200

REGISTRATION: 9–11:30 a.m.

**VENDORS, EXHIBITS, COFFEE,
TEA, AND WATER STATION:**

Throughout the day

RAFFLE TABLES: 9 a.m.–Noon

BUSINESS MEETING: 10–11:30 a.m.

LUNCHEON: Noon

\$40 (prepaid by April 1, 2024)

Menu: Salmon with Dill Sauce or Chicken Piccata, both served with seasoned roasted baby golden potatoes and mixed vegetables; or Pasta Primavera. All lunches include tossed salad with balsamic vinaigrette, rolls and butter, tuxedo cake, coffee, tea, and water.

RAFFLE DRAWING: 12:45 P.M.

RESERVATIONS: due April 1, 2024.

Send names of attendees and menu choice with one check per club to
Lorna Silinovich,
PO Box 726, Saugerties, NY
12477. Make checks payable to
Third District, FGCNYS, Inc.

DIRECTIONS: Thruway to Exit 21B

(Coxsackie). Turn left onto State Route 9W (south). Continue 4.6 miles on State Route 9W to Pegasus Restaurant on the right.

PROGRAM:

GARDEN ROOMS BY DESIGN

Denise Maurer is a Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension—Rensselaer County. For over 38 years, she has specialized in residential interior design. Denise is a frequent speaker on the subject of gardening fusing color with design.

She will present how gardening can be therapeutic and bring you lots of pleasure! A garden is also a space where you can enjoy some downtime surrounded by beauty. Learn how to transform your deck, porch, or grounds into garden rooms by combining plants and flowers with furnishings and accessories using basic design principles and live the good life outdoors!

Clubs' Calendar 2024

March 22–24

Capital District Garden and Flower Show
Hudson Valley Community College, Rt. 4, Troy, NY

April 18

Third District Spring Meeting
“Spring Splendor”
Pegasus Restaurant
10885 State Route 9W, Coxsackie, NY

May 18

Germantown Garden Club Plant Sale
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Palatine Park, Palatine Park Rd., Germantown, NY

May 6–9

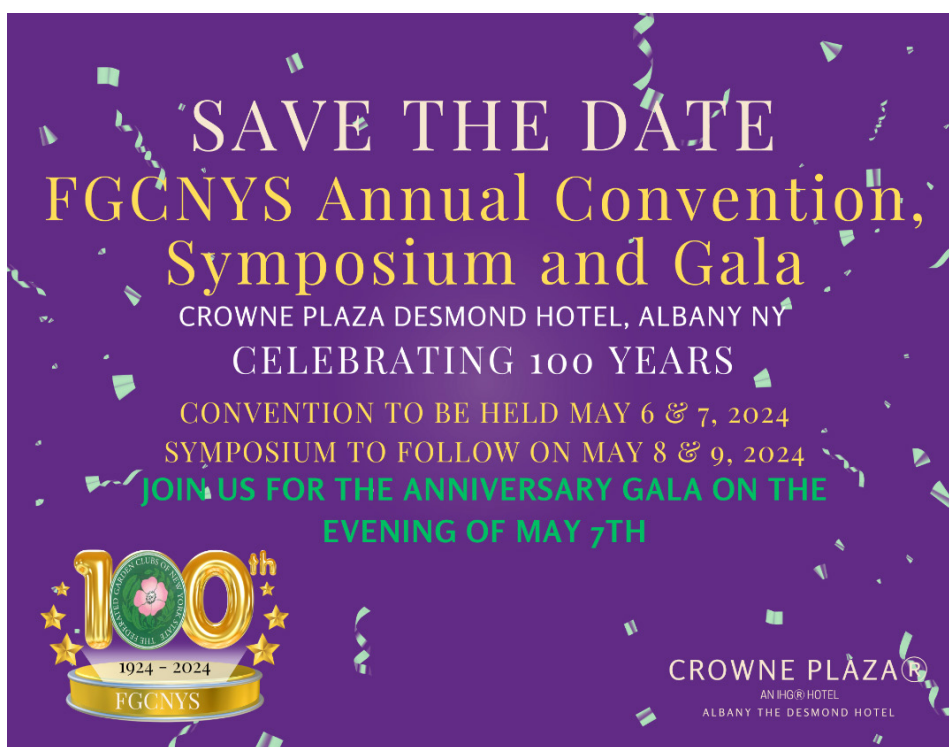
FGCNYS Convention and Symposium
Crowne Plaza Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

June 2–5

NGC Convention
The Westin Westminster
10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, CO

October 17

District III Fall Meeting
Best Western Plus
503 Washington Avenue, Kingston, NY



GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT MEETING RAFFLES

Each club attending a District meeting is asked to bring a raffle prize, with a minimum value of \$30 and should be new items wrapped nicely in a bag or basket. The raffle table schedule for Spring 2024 is the Schenectady County Garden Clubs and the Board according to the schedule prepared by Merril-Lee Lenegar at our last Board meeting. So, volunteers from the Schenectady County Garden Clubs and our Board members are responsible for ticket sales, the set-up of raffles, etc. For additional information, please contact Raffle Chair Merril-Lee Lenegar: email merlenegar@gmail.com or by phone at 518-456-2076.

The Digest Online is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Deadlines for submissions are the 15th of the month before each issue (January, April, July, and October).

Please send news of your club's activities, events, and plans—it's a great way to share what you are doing with other clubs. Unlike print newsletters, there is no prohibitive cost factor for using color, so send in your photos. Articles on various gardening and flower arranging topics are especially welcome. Please note that the February issue does not include Club News.

Material for *The Digest* should be sent to Karin Janson via email at kjanson@aol.com.

To access *The Digest*, go to the State website—fgcnys.com—select District III on the home page and then select Digest Online.



Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. Third District
Registration Form for Spring Meeting and Luncheon
Spring Splendor • April 18, 2024
Pegasus Restaurant
10885 State Route 9W, Coxsackie, NY | 518-731-9200

Greetings! Clubs, please complete this form.

- Each club is to provide a printed list of attendees' names, noting selected entrée for each. **Diet restrictions can be accommodated if pre-arranged by submitting a written request with this form.**
- Enclose one check covering the group amount, payable to: Third District, FGCNYS, Inc.
Cost for luncheon is \$40.
- ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID AND RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2024.
- Questions regarding registration? Contact Lorna Silinovich at 518-947-6286 or email: ralphswoman72@yahoo.com
- Mail form and check to Third District Registrar: Lorna Silinovich, PO Box 726, Saugerties, NY 12477
- Would your club like a reserved table? _____ Specify for 8 or 10: _____

Club Name: _____ Date: _____

Club Contact Person to call if questions arise regarding this registration:

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount of Enclosed Check: _____

Members Names (Please Print):

✓ Salmon ✓ Chicken ✓ Pasta

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✓ Salmon ✓ Chicken ✓ Pasta

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