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Director's Message

Dear Garden Club Members,

I shall be serving as the Director of the Third District for the next two years. I am being recycled, since I was the Director from 2003 to 2005. A Director's duties involve holding two spring meetings and two fall meetings for the total membership as well as presiding over a minimum of six Board meetings for the operation of this organization. We have 34 members on our District Board who serve in various capacities. We emulate the State organization, and as Director, I am required to give periodic reports at State Board meetings. These reports are compiled from information that comes from clubs and counties. We observe certain protocols in our organization and hold our fall and spring meetings on the third Thursdays of April and October. Please refrain from scheduling any events on those two dates.

We are all part of a large organization which has many resources for us as members. Beyond the District and State levels is the C.A.R. (Central Atlantic Region), comprised of clubs in six states and the National Capital District, and beyond that is our parent organization, National Garden Clubs, which has approximately 200,000 members, plus international affiliates.

Many clubs are losing members due to age and other aspects, so I am asking you to submit suggestions to us so that we can be more responsive to your interests. Ideas for events, projects, workshops, fundraisers and socials that would interest you will be considered. I have arranged for a day trip to the Newport Flower Show in June 24 (see page 7) and a Dried Flower Workshop in September (see page 6). In December I will invite you to see my old Victorian home decorated for Christmas and offer you a cup of tea, and I hope to see

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Thanks to all who worked with and supported me while I was your Third District Director I am honored to have been given this position. I have enjoyed it and made many new friends and renewed old friendships.

Also, Thank You so much to my Board for the lovely bench which you gave me. I will be sitting on the bench instead of working in my garden! It is also an honor to receive life membership in the FGCNYS. You were most generous to me, and I certainly appreciated it.

May we all grow together as garden club members.

Marie Muller

Past District Director

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you at other events we will schedule based on your suggestions. I will do my best to attend any particular event you wish for me to attend.

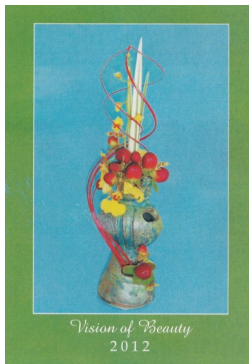
I am asking you for your support because this is your organization and should fulfill your expectations. This year the fall meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Kingston on October 27(which is the 4th Thursday because our date was booked). Please remember that I shall require your club yearbooks to get the information for reports to the State organization. I will do my best to keep you informed and to communicate through the Digest and perhaps a newsletter from me. Hopefully, we shall have an exciting could of years with some new projects. I need you All!!!!!!

Renee Benerati

Horticulture

Spring is a great time in which to visualize your garden and plantings. Think ahead to herbs and the butterflies which lend pizzazz, interest and excitement to an area. Emphasis should be on type of plant material rather than design. Host plants such as dill (*Anethum graveolens*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) and butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) provide food and shelter. Coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) and bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*) are excellent sources of nectar as well as butterfly bush (*Buddleia* spp.), Joe-Pye-Weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*) and giant catmint (*Nepeta sibirica*). All of these plants produce color and are light maintenance.

Elizabeth Hain



2012 Vision of Beauty Calendar: Order Now

The 2012 version of the National Garden Clubs' "Vision of Beauty" calendar is now on order for garden clubs in District Three. It comes in a desk-top book size for \$6 each. Looking ahead to holiday time, you may want to give them to people on your gift list. They also make thoughtful birthday or hostess gifts.

The calendars feature photographs of cutting edge and traditional flower arrangements in all styles and outdoor garden displays from club members all across the country. In order to reserve copies for members of your club, please send an e-mail to Elane Seltzer, Third District Calendar Chairwoman, at frede-lan@mhcable.com, listing your name, address, telephone number/e-mail address, and how many calendars your club is purchasing. If you do not use e-mail, please send a note including that information to 36 Joann Drive, Hudson, N.Y. 12534. Deadline for reservations is September 16.

Those attending the Third District Fall Meeting on October 27 can pick up calendars for their club right there. Instructions on how to order and pay in advance will be included in a flyer that will be sent soon to club presidents in District Three.

Elane Seltzer

Enter to Win! Yearbooks

Club yearbooks for the annual contest should be sent to Barbara Campbell, 14 Deerpath Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561- 2811 by June 1, 2011.

Note change: Please send **four** copies

Meet Our New Officers

Reneta Benenati, Director

Reneta Benenati is a retired art educator who is a graduate of the Albright Art School, Buffalo State University, Columbia University and has completed additional studies at Alfred University, SUNYA and St. Rose. She has been a member of the Garden Club of Kinderhook for 28 years and has served as its president for four separate terms. She was Columbia County Chairman for four years and was Secretary of the Columbia County Garden Dept Fair Display for eight years. She has held different chairmanships on the FGCNYS, Inc. Board for ten years and will serve as Pressbook Chairman for 2011-2013. She is a past Director of Third District - recycled.

Reneta is a Life Member of FGCNYS, Inc. She serves on several boards, including the Garden Club of Kinderhook, Friends of Lindenwald and the Shaker Doll Club. She is the "Queen Mother" of the Scarlet Ladies (Red Hat Society). She has one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren and loves her family, friends, garden and country!!!!



Left to right; Marilyn Ryan, First Assistant Director; Jean Smith, Assistant Treasurer; Dale Craft, Corresponding Secretary; Reneta Benenati, Director; Marge Lansing, Second Assistant Director; Audrey Christman, Recording Secretary; and Beverly Kallner, Treasurer

Marilyn Ryan, First Assistant Director

Marilyn, a member of the Garden Club of Kinderhook, was born in Ossining, NY. She was married to William L. Ryan, Jr. and has one son and four grandchildren. Her community activities include Chairman of the CYO in her Church, member of the Valatie Rescue Squad and the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Co-Chair of the Niverville Santa Claus Club.

Formerly Third District Ways and Means Chair, and with Jean Smith Columbia County Garden Clubs Co-Chair, she would like to say thank you to all who have helped. She worked on a project for the Blue Star Memorial and is now helping with the New York in Bloom and Wildwood flower shows. Her fun activities are oil-water painting, gardening, crafts, knitting and membership in her local Red Hats chapter.

Margaret M. (Marge) Lansing, Second Assistant Director

Marge is a life-long resident of the Capital Region. She attended Siena College in Loudonville as an evening student and graduated cum laude with a degree in Business Administration in 1986. She was engaged in the public accounting profession for more than 28 years. She retired in 2005.

She has been a Blue Creek Garden Club member since 1993 and has held several executive positions, including president and has been treasurer of the club since 2005. She is past treasurer of Third District and is also on the Finance Advisory Board for the FGCNYS, Inc. until 2013. She has been actively involved in assisting staff and officers at the State office on an as-needed basis.

Marge and her husband of 55 years enjoy traveling and spending time with their eight grandchildren. Gardening is one of Marge's passions, along with volunteering at the Pruyn House, the Town of Colonie's Cultural Center.

Audrey J. Christman, Recording Secretary

Audrey is a Master Judge, She has previously served on the Third District Board as horticulture, landscape school and flower show school, calendar, awards and design chairman, and will serve her second term as recording secretary. Audrey lives near the Great Sacandaga Lake in Edinburg, NY, and in winter she resides in Leesburg, Florida. She is now also serving as the Schenectady

Dale Craft, Corresponding Secretary

Dale has been a member of the Shawangung Garden Club since 1967 and served as president for five continuous years. The club has always been involved with civic concerns, and an important project during her time in office was the planting of 1,000 trees, given at no cost to residents of the area. Dale has served as president the Auxiliary to the NYS Chiropractic Association and been active in local organizations. She has been married to Dr. Richard H. Craft for 57 years. They are the parents of three children and have four grandchildren.

Beverly Kallner, Treasurer

Beverly has taken on a job that combines two of her favorite things: numbers and gardening. After serving as a bookkeeper for her husband's businesses, she worked for a CPA and then became Finance Manager for Albany County Cooperative Extension. The Master Gardeners there stimulated her interest in gardening, which she practiced extensively on a 28-acre property in Guilderland.

In 2006, recently widowed for the second time, she moved to Niverville and began developing a garden on her property there. Friendships with Jean Smith and Marilyn Ryan (now fellow Third District Board members)

led her to join the Garden Club of Kinderhook and develop an interest in flower shows.

Beverly has three grown children and two grandchildren and is housemother to a German shepherd and two cats.

Jean Smith, Assistant Treasurer

Jean attended schools in Gilman, VT, and the Lancaster Academy, Lancaster, NH, and went on to earn a BS in home economics from the University of Vermont and a MS in elementary education from Russell Sage College in Troy. She retired after 34 years of teaching.

She is a former treasurer and president of the Garden Club of Kinderhook and former youth chair on the Third District Board. In other civic organizations she is a board member of the Friends of Lindenwald, a member of the Tri-Village chapter of the Columbia-Greene Hospital Auxiliary and belongs to the local Red Hats chapter, the Scarlet Ladies of Columbia County. She is an active member of her church. When not volunteering, Jean enjoys gardening, crafts, cooking for friends and reading.



Past State President Barbara Campbell installs new Third District Director Reneta Benenati



And accepting this award...



Presenter Jeanne Nelson with one of her designs



Greenbush Garden Club Contingent



Designs by Jeanne Nelson



Spring District Meeting

Landscape Design Refresher

Under the co-chairmanship of Barbara Campbell and Marge Lansing, Third District is sponsoring a one-day refresher course for Landscape Design Consultants on June 21.

Centered around the New Paltz area, the program includes visits to the xeriscape garden at Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge, a buffet lunch and a tour of the gardens at Mohonk Mountain House, a tour of CSA Brook Farm's community sustainable agriculture project, a tour of the Walkill Valley Rail Trail, and a visit to the rain garden at New Paltz Community Center. It concludes with dinner and Master Gardener presentations at the Old Fort in New Paltz.

This course is open to anyone who wants to participate, but preference will be given to Landscape Design Consultants who need to refresh. Group size is limited. If you are interested, please check with Marge Lansing at (518) 785-6312. A registration form appears on page 12 and can be copied and printed. Registration deadline is June 10. Participants are requested to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a lawn chair for sitting at some sites.

Pine Hollow Arboretum

Third District is sponsoring a guided tour of the Pine Hollow Arboretum, a not-for-profit organization, on July 21, 2011. This arboretum is located at 16 Maple Avenue in Slingerlands and is a unique forest environment. It is a collection of trees and shrubs arranged aesthetically while maintaining a natural setting. There are 25 acres with over 2,500 labeled or recoded items. The collection contains plants from the temperate climates of the world.

The Arboretum was created by Dr John Abbuhl and the not-for-profit entity has assured that the land will be preserved in perpetuity for the benefit of all who wish to visit, tour and learn. Interested garden club members are invited to come and tour. Please call Reneta Benenati at (518) 758-7789 to indicate your interest in joining the group for this remarkable opportunity to see the creation of one man over the course of many years. Please make your interest known to our Director no later than July 1st.

Keep On Drying!!!!

Last September, 18 members of Third District clubs participated in a Dried Flower Workshop, led by Audrey Christman. They not only had a great social time but learned much and contributed to the decorative aspects of the Fall District Meeting by doing all the table arrangements.

If there is interest, there will be a repeat workshop held on Thursday September 15 in Renee's barn in Kinderhook. So... Start drying NOW. Save your wilted roses (dry them), save your baby's breath (dry it), save your summer flowers (dry them). Pick young cattails before the 4th of July. If you have citrus fruit or apples past their prime, slice them thinly and dry them! These make interesting accents for wreaths and arrangements. Keep on drying!!!!

Reneta Benenati

Newport Flower Show Trip

Third District is sponsoring a trip to the Newport Flower Show entitled "Entertaining...Newport Style" on Friday, June 24. The show will be held on the historic grounds of the magnificent mansion, Rosecliff. There will be oceanside boutiques and a market garden place on the expansive lawn overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

The cost of the trip will be \$55, which includes admission to the Flower Show. The bus will leave the Val-Kin parking lot at 7:30 sharp and arrive in Newport around 10:30 a.m., which is the time the show opens. Suggestions for the trip include bringing a sandwich (opt.), wearing comfortable shoes and even bringing an umbrella, since weather is unpredictable. The bus will return to the parking lot at approximately 8:30 p.m. Val-Kin parking lot is on Route 9 between Valatie and Kinderhook, about 6 miles south of I-90 Exit 12. To make reservations phone Renee Benenati at (518) 758-7789.

Garden Tour

The Clematis Garden Club located in Greenville, NY will be hosting its 2nd annual garden tour on June 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Freehold area. This tour has lined up many beautiful gardens ranging from small front yard gardens to large country gardens each unique. Most of these gardens have evolved from the owners' dreams to hard-won reality while battling rocks, clay, deer and sometimes Mother Nature. They are all in an easy drive from one another.

We invite everyone to come and view these wonderful gardens. Tickets will be sold beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Freehold Firehouse, Freehold, NY, Rt. 32. The tour will be held rain or shine...after all, we are gardeners! Proceeds from this event will assist with public plantings in several villages in Greene County. For information contact Jean Horn at (518) 966-4260.

Let Your Lights Shine

First Assistant Director Marilyn Ryan is requesting all clubs to send her their yearbooks to use in compiling a monthly Third District calendar. This will provide a vehicle for our clubs to share information about unusual programs, activities and trips. The calendar will be available via e-mail on a monthly basis to interested subscribers, and the hope is that each club will designate at least one e-mail recipient so that the information can be brought to other club members. Marilyn's address is 72 Wilderness Lane, Valatie, NY 12184-9409. For additional information you can reach her by phone at (518) 758-7625 or via e-mail at mryan014@cap.rr.co.

World Gardening

Many clubs in the Third District, if not all, contribute to World Gardening by contributing when a small box is passed around at each meeting. These monies support many wonderful projects around the world. Among these have been the introduction of gardening projects in Haiti and "Water for Sudan." Your club treasurer can send the monies to Third District Treasurer Beverly Kallner, 1009 County Rt. 28, Newton Hill Rd. Valatie, NY 12184-9998. Third District has always been very generous in its support of World Gardening projects.

Reneta Benenati

Claverack Garden Club

Claverack Garden Club Vice President Susan Ihlenburg and President Patricia Sama displayed a mixed assortment of Phalaenopsis Orchids, a Nun Orchid and a display board of photographs of garden club activities at Columbia Greene Cornell Cooperative Extension Spring Gardening Day at Columbia Greene Community College. Information about the Orchids was provided, questions answered and membership brochures were available.



Claverack Garden Club Officers were installed at the March meeting - President Sama, Vice president Ihlenburg, Recording Secretary Marge Chippari, Corresponding Secretary Schaumann and Treasurer Louise Bliss.



A youth program is planned in May at the Philmont Public Library. Eight- to eleven-year-old children will plant and maintain a sunflower garden at the library under garden club member supervision.

The club is arranging for a bus to travel to The Tenth World Flower Show in Boston on June 17.

In July the club will participate in Philmont Community Day with a plant sale and a benefit drawing. All members will be available to answer questions about plants and garden club activities. New membership is the goal for 2011.

Marge Chippari,

Greenport Garden Club

On March 10th club members Joann Concra and Dorothy Brown visited residents of The Home for the Aged in Hudson to conduct the Greenport Garden Club's annual spring workshop. In this program residents made arrangements to adorn their dining room table. "The residents were amazed how creative they were and how beautiful their arrangements came out. They were very impressed and are looking forward to us visiting them in the fall with more creative ideas," stated Joann Concra.



The Garden Club of Kinderhook



Making plans for the club's annual plant sale May 14 on Kinderhook Village square were: Front row, left to right, Herminio Ramirez, Stephanie Lally, Tina Lang and Co-Chair Lee Albern. Standing, left to right, Patricia Dorsey, Co-Chairs Gail Koch and Camille McComb, Patricia LaFontain and club President Susan O'Brien Nicholson.



New members welcomed to the club at its annual luncheon April 12 were: left to right - Carolyn Beveridge, Mary Little, Herminio Ramirez, Geraldine Smith, Patricia LaFontain and Cynthia Tiano Bogardus.

Clematis Garden Club

On May 13th at 1 p.m. the Clematis Garden Club, located in Greenville, NY will host Kerry Mendez, a local, national and internationally known speaker, who will give a Power Point discussion on shrubs and colors for all seasons. The program will be held at the Greenville Library. We are thrilled that Kerry will be speaking to our organization for a second year. Kerry owns Perennially Yours, a well-known consultation and garden design business. This meeting will also be our annual Spring Tea. We invite anyone who has an interest in improving their gardening skills to join us. There is no fee for this interesting program and all are welcome. For more information, call Jean Horn at 966-4260.

Shawangunk Garden Club

This year the Shawangunk Garden Club will be led by a Board of Governors.. All correspondence for the club should be directed to our immediate past-president, Maggi Heath. The theme for our year will be "Protect, Preserve and Promote the Beauty of our Gardens."

Our first meeting of the year, March 7th, was an informational meeting with the presentation of our yearbook to the members. Our April program "Conservation: How to Build an Herb Spiral" was presented by organic gardener, Lynn Anne Inglise, owner of 1846 House of Soaps. In May we will meet at the Friends and Family Hillside Restaurant in Accord for a luncheon meeting, and our program topic will be "Historical Preservation: Civil War Nosegay History and Replicas," presented by club member and wedding floral designer, Bonnie Decker. The June program will be "Floral Design: Pressing Flowers," brought to us by club member, textile designer and floral artist, Chikako Mori. This meeting will also include a plant exchange. Our July meeting which features "Wildflowers: A Progressive Garden Tour," will be held at the lakeside cottages of members Joyce Smith and Lee Goethe, and the members will enjoy a light supper together.



Dale Craft

Country Garden Club

Country Garden Club is now on Facebook.... go the 'Country Garden Club of Clifton Park' to see our beginning info and photos. I've posted a few events. Tell whether you LIKE it or not and become a FRIEND.

Catherine Fruhaul

Germantown Garden Club

The residents and staff of Palatine Manor, Germantown, recently held a meeting to discuss extending their annual planter/container gardening to include raised bed gardens off the rear patio of their community room. Germantown Garden Club members Fran Bufi, Arlene Liepshutz, Melanie Nelson and Kate Kennedy were present.

The gardening program began as an initiative of the Germantown Garden Club in 2003. Each spring the club donates and assists residents with container plantings of vegetables and flowers. Programs in the past have also included seedling start up. This year's program will be extended to plantings around the flagpole area, planters at the main entrance and assistance with the new raised bed gardening project.

The residents are seeking assistance in design, fundraising and construction of a raised bed planting area. Palatine Manor residents discussed the importance of a design enabling all residents to have access to the area. Anyone who may be interested in donating to this project may contact the main office at Palatine Manor (518) 537-3232.

Arlene Liepshutz

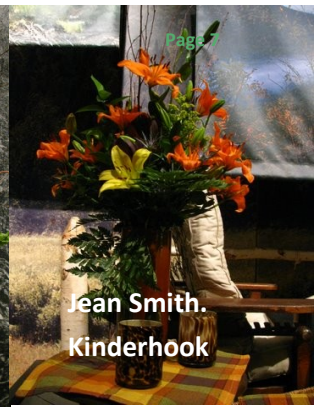
Third District Arrangers for New York in Bloom



Beverly Kallner,
Kinderhook



Cynthia Campbell,
Blue Creek



Jean Smith,
Kinderhook



*Cecilia Sinclair
Marie Kopolowsky-Zitko
Verna Teo
Kathy Bucholsky
Joe Drillinghoff*



Greenport



Jane Arsenau,
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Guidelines for Your Garden Club to install a Blue Star Marker

Blue Star Markers are a tribute to the Armed Forces that have defended the United States of America. They can be placed alongside a dedicated highway, at a Veterans Medical Center or, most likely with our garden clubs, in a civic garden, public park or historical site...especially a public garden that your club is taking care of. These Blue Star markers are a wonderful way for your club to honor your local men and women who have served our country and to share in your local community.

The easiest marker to install in a garden setting is the By-Way Marker that in 2010 cost \$235. These can be mounted on wood or on masonry and are 12" by 20" in size.

If you decide to sponsor a Blue Star Marker, do not immediately set a specific date for dedication. Forms must be obtained and sent out to several State and Federal garden club officials, and the plaque must be cast with your garden club name on it. This may take several months. I can provide your club with the required forms. A suggested program for the dedication is also available, and your club can modify the program to fit your dedication.

Our club, Clematis Garden Club has undertaken to install a Blue Star Marker this year. So far we have made motions to send out the forms to the correct officials. When we receive the forms back giving us permission, we will order the plaque. Last year our club installed a beautiful roadside memorial garden in Coeyman's Hollow along Rt. 143, and we think this will be the perfect spot for a Blue Star Marker. I will keep you informed how this undertaking proceeds. This is my first year as Blue Star Chairman so this will be a great learning experience. I invite your garden clubs to join me in placing a Blue Star Marker for your own civic gardens.

For more information contact Jean Horn, Third District Blue Star Chairman at (518) 966-4260.

Awards

presented at the Third District Spring

Central Atlantic Region Awards

Poster Contest

Smokey Bear-WoodseyOwl Certificates of Participation.

Honorable mention - Ryan DeGraw, second grade, Frankie Agovino, third grade and Wayne Alan Dean, fourth grade

State Awards

Flower Show Schedule

Second place - Citation 31Ab (50-99 members) "Dazzling Dolls and Floral Fantasies," GC of Kinderhook.

First place - Citation 31Ab (21-49 members) "From the Palatines to the Present - 300 Years," Germantown GC.

Flower Shows

First place - Citation 34B (50-99 members) "Dazzling Dolls and Floral Fantasies," GC of Kinderhook

First place - Citation 34B (21-49 members) "From the Palatines to the Present - 300 Years," Germantown GC

Miscellaneous Awards

First place - Special Achievement Citation Award 3a - The Garden Club of Kinderhook

Second place, Special Achievement Award 3b "Columbia County Day," Columbia county Garden Clubs

Second place, Educational Exhibit Citation Award 27b Exhibit at the Columbia County Fair, Columbia County GCs

Publication Awards

First place - Newsletter, Citation Award 76Ai (small club) Greenport GC

First place - Brochure Citation Award 76Bc (group of clubs) Columbia County GCs

First place - Cookbook, Citation Award 76Bc Columbia County GCs.

Pressbooks

Second place (small clubs) - Catskill Garden Club

Honorable mention (small clubs) - Greenport GC

Second place (medium clubs) - Germantown GC

Second place (group of clubs) - Columbia County GCs

World Gardening

Largest Contribution by a Club - Award 14d1 - New Paltz GC

Clubs and individuals donating from Third District: Margaret Chippari, Claverack GC, Clematis GC, Community GC of Marlborough, Coxsackie GC, Germantown GC, Mary Ginouves, Greenbush GC, Greenport GC, Guilderland GC, H. Gilbert Harlow GC, Helderview GC, Hillandale GC, Hillside Acres GC, Jennie Kenas, GC of Kinderhook, Little GC of Kingston, New Paltz GC, Patricia Sama, Elane Seltzer, Schwangunk GC, Tongore GC

Youth Poster Contest

Eight children sponsored by the Athens Garden Club and seven sponsored by the H. Gilbert Harlow GC received Certificates of Participation

District Awards

The Betty Warrell Flower Show Award was presented to New Paltz GC for their Small Standard Flower Show entitled "Anticipation." A check in the amount of \$25 is included with this award

Director's Awards:

Patricia Blundell, Maureen Nippert and Patricia Wargo



A Summer Shower

The sky was so very blue and bright.
 The sun beamed between the clouds, so white.
 From the west, dark clouds drifted by.
 Changing the beautiful to a stormy sky.

Lightening flashed, then the rolling of thunder.
 Wild creatures scrambled for shelter under
 Trees and bushes, as the rain began to fall.
 So many summer storms, I can recall.

There I sat, in my swivel chair.
 Feeling the thunder vibrating the air
 Waiting for it all to go away.
 And the sky return to a sunny day.

Betty-Jean Stinner

In Memoriam

Dora Longway

December 8, 1913 - March 11, 2011

A speech professor whose debate teams won numerous awards, Dora served as president of both Schenectady County garden clubs to which she belonged (H. Gilbert Harlow and Hillandale) and went on to serve as Third District Director and a member of the State board. She was a Master Judge, a talented floral arranger and lecturer, and a lovely and gracious lady.

Coming Up

The Digest, a publication of Third District, FGCNYS, is issued quarterly on Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15.

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| May 19 | Third District Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Kingston |
| May 21 | Albany Pine Bush Lupine Festival, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Rd, Albany |
| May 27-29 | National Garden Clubs Convention, Washington D. C. |
| June 5-11 | National Garden Week |
| June 15 | Clematis Garden Club Garden Tour |
| June 15-19 | World Flower Show "This Glorious Earth," Seaport World Trade Center, Boston |
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