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President's Message



Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. is on the move!!! In fact, we really have moved our office to a new, safer and more easily accessible space. You can now go to the office without climbing any stairs. Our new address is 21A Brookedge, Guilderland, New York 12084. Our new quarters were designed and organized to be member friendly. We have updated our equipment and expanded our library so that we are now able to offer more extensive services and resources to our districts, clubs and members. A complete list of these services be available soon. Please stop and visit whenever you are in the area. We will have many historical books and photos on display. These will rekindle your memory of old friends, cherished events and projects. Printing will be available on site so that our clubs and districts will no longer have to pay an outside vendor. It is our goal to have the office become more efficient, functional and enjoyable for you, our members.

The lazy, hazy days of summer are beginning to fade. I saw my first red maple leaf in the Adirondacks this weekend. It reminded me that Fall Conference is just a few short weeks away. Make your reservations soon. This conference has been organized to be an amazing combination of business related functions, educational workshops and outstanding and fun-filled events. See you at the Poughkeepsie Grand on September 28th and 29th!!! This conference is not to be missed..

Patricia Wania President, FGCNYS



The new team of State Officers at the Installation in March. Left to right: Diane Schlipback, Joyce Lyle, Laurene Tompkins, Monica Hansen, Patricia Wania, Lucille Bauer, Victoria Bellias and Lynne Arnold (not pictured is Treasurer Carol Anderson).

Come to Our Fall Conference September 28-29, 2015

The Poughkeepsie Grand in Poughkeepsie, NY

Monday will be Garden Club business meetings and Tuesday will be a Day of Fun with 5 lectures to choose from, a 3 course luncheon followed by a design speaker who worked with The Newport Mansions Flower Shows and the Boston 2011 WAFA International Flower Show. We will have vendors selling flower mechanics, homemade cookies, jewelry, stationary, embroidered items, etc. To register and see pamphlet go to www.fgcny.com then hit Fall Conference or call Ann Bloom 845-534-7005. Register before August 27 to avoid late fee.



FGCNYS News

We've Moved - On July 31, 2015 the FGCNYS moved into a new office at the Fairwood Apartment Complex in Guilderland. The new office is a two bedroom unit with parking directly in front of the door and no stairs. It is also an allergy free unit. The rent remains the same and we have a larger more accessible office. Our new address is 21A Brookedge, Guilderland, New York 12084-9110.

Treasurers Report

The Finance Committee met 5/21/15, to approve the 2015-16, budget and the pricing for Fall Conference. The Budget for the fiscal year 2015-16, was approved by the Board of Directors at the 6/10/15 meeting. CPA firm, the Bonadio Group has received all necessary financial reports, and statements needed for a review of fiscal year 2014-15. I met with the audit staff and was told that everything was in order and a written report would be issued in mid- August.

Carol H Anderson, Treasurer

2016 New York Poetry Contest

The 2016 poetry contest theme is "Garden Blooms". This is for all youth pre-school through high school. The youth can be student, your children, grandchildren, church groups and scouts. The winning poets work will be published in a booklet to be awarded in the fall of 2016. For rules and further information contact Barb Millington at bmillington@nycap.rr.com or 518-587-3085

District News

District I - The Richmond Evergreen GC will be hosting a Standard Flower Show "Loughi d'Italia," on Sept. 19, 2015. Begonias were passed out to children and a membership table was set up at the Staten Island Zoo's Conservation Day.

District II - Standard flower shows were held by the Riverhead/Southold Garden ("Disney Floral Fantasies") and the Bay Shore Garden Club ("South Shore Splendor"). An all district Horticulture program is scheduled for Thursday October 15 and the Fall Luncheon and General meeting will be at the Crest Hollow GC in Woodbury NY Monday October 26.

District III - The Third District, FGCNYS is having a Garden Tour of Naumteag, (A gilded-Age Mansion with Glorious Gardens in the Berkshires, Stockbridge, Mass) On Aug. 20, 2015. Congratulations to the The Cocksackie Garden Club on their 75th Anniversary and the Guilderland Garden Club on their 50th Anniversary.

District VI - The Sixth District dedicated a Blue Star Memorial at the Veterans Home in Oxford, NY On June 12, 2015.

District VIII - Blue Star Memorial Markers were dedicated by the Hamburg Garden Club in May and in July by the South-towns Gardeners Club in Chestnut Ridge and another in Amherst in a collaboration by the Amherst, Town&Country, Forest Stream, Willow Ridge, Williamsville and Smallwood Garden Clubs. A section flower show was hosted by Hamburg, Hamburg House & Garden and Eden & Evans Garden Study Clubs. Our District Judges Council hosted a combined Judges Council meeting for District 5, 6, 7 and 8 at the 20th Century Club in downtown Buffalo followed by a garden walk.

Meet your State Board

Beginning with this issue we will be publishing biographies of the FGCNYS Officers Board members and District Directors so you can get to know some of the people who work so hard to keep FGCNYS going,

Pat Wania – President FGCNYS, Inc.

Civic beauty, education and service have been the milestones of Pat's life. Respect for gardens and gardeners came early as she was surrounded by beautiful gardens in her childhood, and it continues today. Pat was born and educated in New York State. She holds a Bachelors, and Master's Degrees in education and has done Post Graduate Studies at SUNY Albany. She taught Special Education for twenty years. She was also a Master Teacher, instructing interns in the Special Education Program at SUNY. Pat and her husband Joe live in the Adirondack Mountains on Lake George. They have three children and four granddaughters. The family enjoys the beauty of the area and the recreational opportunities associated with living on the lake. Pat loves to cook, entertain and travel. She and her husband have visited almost every European country and much of the USA. Pat has served on two school Boards, served as an advocate for Special Needs Students, been a District IV Director for two consecutive terms, is a Flower Show Judge, and has served as an officer of the FGCNYS for three terms. She is currently our president and she is honored to have been elected to this position.



Monica Hansen - First Vice President FCGNYS Inc.

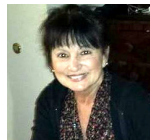
Born in England, Monica spent most of her childhood growing up around the English cottage gardens that she loves. Her family moved back and forth between England and the US until her late teens and her "proper British accent" faded between college down South and home in Buffalo, New York but her love of gardening remains. With degrees in Business Administration and English Monica joined an international bank where she served in various capacities. Monica is a member of the Orchard Park Garden Club where she has served as Treasurer, held various Chairmanships and Club President. She is also an NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge.



Monica and her husband John have three sons who along with their spouses and three grandchildren, bring much joy to their lives. Family would not be complete without the mention of their Yorkshire terrier, Little Jack Hansen II, who rules the house.

Lucille Bauer—Second Vice President FGCNYS, Inc.

Growing up in Brooklyn Lucy's world was filled with flowers and vegetables watching her father maintain a community garden. She moved to Staten Island in 1980 and after a long career in business became a naturalist for the NYC Parks Dept. on Staten Island and coordinated the Mama & Me environmental nature program for 3 & 4 year olds and their parents at various parks before retiring from that position. In 1985, Lucy joined the Annadale GC and served in various chairmanships and founded the Annadale Acorns Jr. G. C. eventually becoming Club President. Lucy served on the District Board for eight years before becoming the Director of District I. She has served on the State Board for the past 10 years in various chairmanships and is currently State World Gardening Chair and is presently President of the Castle Manor GC and serving on her District Board, as well. She volunteers at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church as a CCD teacher, Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Lucy and her husband Rob (also a FGCNYS chairman) are parents of five children, four grandchildren, a Yorkie (Zoey) and a Pomeranian (Roxeanne). They love to travel when Rob gets time off from work.





Sue Robinson – Director, 7th District



Sue Anne Robinson, lives in Honeoye Falls, NY, with her husband, Michael. They have three grown children, and two grandsons, ages 6 and 2. Sue has been a member of the Fairport Garden Club since the 1980's, with time-out during her teaching career at Victor Central School. Now, a past treasurer and president of the Fairport Garden Club, she has held several District level positions. Presently she is the Director of 7th District. She is a Life Member of FGCNYS and has attended several Schools at the District and National levels in the areas of design and horticulture. She has completed Flower Show School, and is now an Accredited Judge, Level 2. Her volunteer activities include working at the Rochester Civic Garden Center Library, gardening at the Ronald McDonald House, participating in various ministries at St. Catherine of Sienna Church and spending time with family. Now that Sue and her husband are both retired, they enjoy traveling, as well as, spending time at their cottage at Keuka Lake, Penn Yan, NY.



Book of Recognition Entrants April-June 2015

- Dist. II Madeline O'Keefe
- II Douglas Montgomery
- II Sue Jaccard
- II Gail Klubnick
- VIII Beverly Leek
- VIII Mary Tornov



The Frightened Frog

"The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale" is an early reader book published by NGC to engage our youth with amphibians and many of the issues they face in their fight for survival.

Lesson plans that meet core standards are available for download on the NGC website. Members and educators are encouraged to use these materials to introduce a new generation to their natural world. They are the future caretakers and we have a responsibility to connect them to nature and many of its issues. We cannot expect them to care for what they do not know and do not understand. This book would be a great gift for a young child or grandchild. It would also make a wonderful gift to your local library, in memory of or in honor of someone you love. Or your local garden club could donate the book to the library. The price of the book is \$10 and can be obtained by visiting the website, www.gardenclub.org.

In Memoriam

FGCNYS mourns the loss of **Norma Jean Dowd** of District VIII who passed recently. Norma was a long time FGCNYS Board Member, former Recording Secretary, former Director of District VIII and the current State Yearbook Chairman. She will be missed.



WATER FOR SOUTH SUDAN - FGCNYS members recently joined former "Lost Boy" and Founder of Water for South Sudan, Salva Dut at the WFSS 10th Anniversary celebration in Rochester. Since its inception in 2005, 259 wells have been drilled. The newest well drilled from FGCNYS donations is located in

the Village of Rorkou. With your continued support of this World Gardening project in South Sudan, the lives of thousands of South Sudanese are being helped.

Lucille Bauer, World Gardening Chairman 718-967-3842



Environmental News

Mosquito Eaters

Mosquitoes are a problem just about everywhere in NYS. If you don't have a problem with them tell me where you live and I'll think about moving. We are told to drain the standing water that accumulates in old tires, empty flower pots and your neglected backyard ponds. Anything that catches water is a breeding place for mosquitoes. The DEC has plans to reintroduce the northern cricket frog (*Acris crepitans*) a NYS endangered species. These tiny amphibians inhabit natural wetlands, are capable of jumping 6 feet, and eat mosquitoes. The DEC will identify places suitable for the frogs, including locales where they lived previously.

Eileen De Ricco, Environmental Studies School Chairperson

Fracking Banned In NYS (at least for now)!

In June of this year, after more than seven years of study, the state Department of Environmental Conservation issued a ban on fracking. DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said that "High-volume hydraulic fracturing poses significant adverse impacts to land, air, water, natural resources and potential significant public health impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated. However, the ban is not permanent. Several lawsuits by proponents of fracking are expected to be filed and the ban could be lifted in the future.

Submitted by Robert Bauer, editor

Join the CAR Treasure Hunt

The CAR 2016 Conference will be hosted by FGCNYS at the Gideon-Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs. On Oct. 23-25, 2016 followed by the FGCNYS Symposium Oct. 26-27. It will take a lot of planning and work to make this a successful event and we could use your help. **To be part of the planning for this event contact Jeanne Nelson at 845-268-6220 or j.t.nelson7@gmail.com.** You could also win a ticket to the Banquet/Design Luncheon by designing the cover of the conference program or an invitation flyer. Entries must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2015. For more information contact Jeanne Nelson or visit our website at www.fgcny.com.

Upcoming Events

2015

Sept 15-19 NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO

Sept. 16-18 District VII Flower Show School Course III, Rochester, NY

Sept. 28-30 FGCNYS Fall Conference The Grand Hotel Poughkeepsie, NY

Oct. 6-8 LD Course III, Chappaqua, NY

October 25-27 CAR Conference, Gettysburg, Pa.

Oct. 28-29 Symposium sponsored by Garden Club Federation of PA, see www.pagardenclubs.org for details

Nov. 10 FGCNYS Board Meeting, Guilderland, NY

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April 5-7, LD Course IV, Chappaqua, NY

May 2-6 NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI

June 8-10 Dist. VII Flower Show Course, Rochester NY

Sept. 26 - Oct 2 NGC Fall Meeting, Portland, Me

Oct. 23-25 CAR Conference hosted by FGCNYS Gideon Putnam Hotel Saratoga Springs, NY

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2016 - CAR Regional Conference

Hosted by FGCNYS

October 23-25 2016**

“Historic Treasures of New York”

The Gideon-Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY

Followed by the FGCNYS Symposium Oct. 26-27

****Note New Date**

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