



**The  
Federated Garden Clubs  
of  
New York State, Inc.**

**Cordially Invite You To  
The Fall  
Conference and Meeting  
“SIGHTS and SOUNDS of  
SEPTEMBER”**

**September 10-12, 2012**

**Pam Foehser, President  
Federated Garden Clubs of New  
York State**

**Shirley S. Nicolai, President  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

**Jeanne T. Nelson, Director  
Central Atlantic Region**

**Margaret Bryant & Tony Antes  
Co-Chairs**

**Holiday Inn Arena  
2-8 Hawley Street  
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**REGISTRATION FORM - FULL TIME**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check All that Apply:

- FGCNYS Officer
- District Director
- FGCNYS Board Member
- NYS Life Member
- NGC Flower Show Judge
- Landscape Design Consultant
- Gardening Consultant
- Environmental Consultant
- NYS Horticulture Judge
- Club President
- Garden Club Member
- Guest/Spouse

Registration fee is included for full-time registrants.

Registration fee of \$175.00 includes all fees, programs, and meals for the entire conference.

**Check your meal Choices:**

**Monday Evening Informal Dinner**

- Queen Cut Prime Rib  Stuffed Chicken
- Pasta Primavera  Lemon Tilapia
- All above with Chocolate Cake w Raspberry Drizzle

**Tuesday Luncheon**

- Lemon Chicken Scaloppini  Grilled Salmon
- Portobello Pasta Marinara  Sliced Sirloin Beef
- All above with Apple Pie

**Tuesday Evening Informal Dinner**

- Queen Cut Prime Rib  Stuffed Chicken
- Pasta Primavera  Lemon Tilapia
- All above with Cheesecake with Fruit Toppings

Mail this Form with **check payable to FGCNYS, Inc**

Mail to: Anne Doherty, Registrar  
3927 Burlingame Rd.  
Cazenovia, NY 13035-9698

Deadline for registration is Aug. 25, 2012. (Late fee after Aug 25 is **\$20.00**). No refunds after Aug.25, 2012. Hotel reservations should be made directly with Hotel. Please see other side for details.

**REGISTRATION FORM - PART TIME**

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### Hotel Info

**Rooms are \$104.00 per night. When making reservations, mention FGCNYS, Inc. Deadline for rooms is 19 August 2012.**

The Holiday Inn Arena Hotel and Conference Center is centrally located in the heart of Downtown Binghamton business, Government and shopping district near the junction of the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers. Spacious guest rooms, and Conference Suites overlook the city skyline or the Chenango River and are designed to please the most discerning traveler. On the river side of the hotel you may wish to walk or jog along the newly renovated Riverwalk which follows the Chenango River and offers a lovely view of the Binghamton. Discover the unique charm and hospitality of Binghamton with its exciting options for night life, shopping, and many area attractions. The hotel is an 8 story riverfront hotel with:

- 240 Beautiful Guest Rooms
- Extensive Meeting Space
- Restaurant, Grill & Lounge
- Indoor Heated Pool & Sauna
- Complete Fitness Center
- Galleria of Shops
- Transportation for Groups

It is close to:

- Downtown Binghamton
- Lockheed Martin, IBM
- Broome County Arena
- PGA Golf Courses
- Discount Outlet Shopping
- AA Mets Stadium
- Ross Park Zoo
- Broome County Airport

## Featured Speakers / Program

### Monday Dinner -Rick Marsi

Rick is a freelance writer, photographer, lecturer and outdoor travel consultant. Rick graduated from Colgate University and is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in India, Between 1980 and 1999, Rick wrote a nationally syndicated nature column for Gannett and contributed hundreds of outdoor and environment stories to the Binghamton, N.Y newspaper. During his tenure there, Rick won 12 Associated Press writing contest awards, including 1st place awards for both column and feature writing. As a photographer and lecturer, he has given hundreds of programs on outdoor-related subjects. His photographs have appeared in Sports Afield, Men's Health, Bird Watcher's Digest, Birder's World, Reader's Digest and other publications. Rick is the author of four books - Wheel of Seasons, Once Around the Sun, A Doctors Life, and Bridge to Borovichi. In addition to his weekly outdoor column for the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, the Elmira Star-Gazette and the Ithaca Journal, Rick writes columns for Siena Club and the Waterman Outdoor Education Center in Apalachin, NY. Rick also is a tour consultant. Since the mid-1990s, he has planned and escorted more than 20 photography, birding and fishing tours.

### Tuesday Luncheon-Kaye Vosburgh

Kaye is an Accredited Master Judge and approved Flower Show School Instructor in the National Garden Clubs. She is a First Grade Ikebana Teacher, Komon, in the Sogetsu School, recently promoted to the top level "Riji". She has presented programs for garden clubs, District and State Meetings, and Ikebana groups throughout New York, New England and in Quito, Ecuador. She was a featured speaker at Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas in Orlando 2005. Kaye has entered the New England Flower Show for the past several years, earning the Creativity Award in 1997 and the Garden Club of America Zone I Bowl for Aesthetic Use of Plant Material in 2002 and the Fenwick Medal in 2006. In 2008 she earned two top awards: the Ruth A. Wallack Design Award for a design of outstanding beauty and creativity, and the Margaret Clover Symonds Medal for innovative modern design, creatively combining man-made materials with fresh or dried plant material. Kaye entered the WFAUSA show in 2011 and received a Mention. She teaches Ikebana classes both in Schenectady, New York where she lived for 29 years, and the Boston area where she now resides. Kaye travels to Japan frequently for pleasure, to attend conventions, and to take classes at the Sogetsu headquarters in Tokyo.

### Tuesday Dinner - Bronzissimo!

Bronzissimo! is a handbell choir ringing five octaves of Schulmerich Handbells; a community organization made up of experienced ringers from Southern Tier New York. The group was formed in January of 1993 and has performed locally for many types of events, including concerts in the Spring and December. They have performed "en masse" and "en solo" at both National and Regional Festivals of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and at Binghamton's "First Night".

## Conference Schedule of Events

### Monday September 10, 2012

Breakfast and Lunch on your own: **Suggest: Café' Select**

11:00A - 4:30P Registration Main Lobby  
11:00A - 4:30P Vendors Open/ Ways n' Means  
1:00P - 1:30P Executive Committee Meeting  
Southern Tier Room  
1:45P - 3:00P Executive Board Meeting  
Southern Tier Room  
3:30P - 4:15P Awards Workshop  
Johnson City Room  
4:45P - 5:15P Judges Council Meeting  
Southern Tier Room  
6:15 P - 9:15P Dinner/ Program  
Binghamton/Endicott Room

### Tuesday September 11, 2012

Breakfast on your own: **Suggest: Café' Select**

8:00A- 11:00A Registration Main Lobby  
9:00A - 6:00P Vendors Open/ Ways n' Means  
9:00A - 12:00 Nominating Committee (D. Pair)  
Southern Tier Room  
9:00A -11:30A Semi-Annual Meeting & Awards  
Binghamton/Endicott Room  
11:30A- 12:00 Break - Vendors/ Ways n' Means  
12:00 - 3:00P Lunch and Design Program  
Binghamton/Endicott Room  
3:00P - 3:30P Break - Vendors & Ways n' Means  
3:30P - 4:15P Awards Manual Discussion  
Southern Tier Room  
5:00P - 6:00P Reception for National President &  
Central Atlantic Region Director  
Main Lobby  
6:15P - 9:00P Dinner/ Program  
Binghamton/Endicott Room

Wednesday September 12, 2011

Breakfast and lunch on your own: **Suggest: Café' Select**

9:00A - 11:00A Shop Vendors & Ways n' Means Open  
9:00A - 11:30A Judges Council Program  
Johnson City Room  
11:30A Depart for Home