

The Hyatt Regency Long Island

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Hauppauge, New York

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<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/HAUPP/G-FGCN>.

All hotel reservations are to be made directly with the hotel. **To obtain the group rate, reservations are to be made prior to April 27, 2019.** Room Rates: \$169.00 for a standard double room. Request the block of rooms listed under FGCNYS. Preferably, book using the link above. This confirmed rate is applicable three days prior through three days after the official meeting dates as long as the hotel is selling rooms to the general public. So please book early.

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Tour of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative.

Learn about native plant propagation by taking this tour. The LINPI is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the heritage of native plant populations by establishing commercial sources of native plant material for use in nursery, landscaping and habitat restoration activities. A visit to the greenhouse, founder plots, a meadow, and a rain garden are planned. Suitable footwear is advised for walking on uneven surfaces. Location: Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY

Monday, May 20, 2019

First Ever FGCNYS Photo Exhibition - "Detective Work-Seeing Nature with New Eyes"

Judges Council "Photo 101" - how we utilize and promote photography to enhance our own creativity and promote the goals of NGC. Bobby and Lovejoy Duryea will teach you in a light-hearted vein how to use your phone (or camera) to take great flower photographs.

"Gardening Is Murder"

A talk by Neal Sanders

Why is much gardening information on the internet so awful? Why is it impossible to do just one thing in the garden? Why should you *never* compute the value of your labor when you garden? These are the questions that keep Neal Sanders awake at night. As the spouse of an avid gardener with no 'real' responsibilities other than to dig holes and move rocks, Neal has lots of time to observe gardeners and their foibles.

Neal is the author of thirteen mysteries, seven of which involve horticulture and several of those which use garden club settings. He writes the popular 'The Principal Undergardener' blog, which addresses gardening as a non-gardener who loves gardens. His talk is adapted from those essays

Darcie Garcia, AIFD, CFD

As a 25 year veteran of the floral industry, Darcie is the Head Designer at RichMar florist in Allentown, PA. In 2015 she successfully completed the Professional Floral Design Evaluation and was invited to join the prestigious American Institute of Floral Designers and for the last decade, has participated on both award and winning exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show and on the Designer Studio Stage at that event.

"Talkin' Trash with Larry Swanson"

Larry Swanson is an associate dean and former interim dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences and the Director of the Waste Reduction and Management Institute. He is a physical oceanographer, working primarily on marine pollution issues in the coastal ocean. Prior to coming to Stony Brook University in 1987, he led several large environmental programs within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and was a commanding officer on two NOAA research vessels.

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State



Did you ever want to murder someone at a Flower Show or Talk Trash with your friends? We have all the answers and more to share at our May Convention. Photography discussions, our first ever FGCNYS Photo Exhibit, Botanical Arts, a Fabulous Design Program, "Gardening is Murder", "Talkin' Trash.." and an inspirational tour. All this and more as we spend time together, sharing and growing in friendship.

**FGCNYS 95th Annual Meeting
and Installation of Officers**

May 20 - 22, 2019

The Hyatt Regency Long Island

**"Plant America for a Cleaner,
Greener, and Healthier World"**

Monica Hansen, President

Donna Sessa, Chairman

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Conference Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 19, 2019

3:00 - 5:00 Tour of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative. Meet in Hyatt lobby at 2:30 to carpool to the LINPI.

Monday, May 20, 2019

8:30 - 12:00 Registration
8:30 - 6:15 Vendors/Exhibits Open
9:30 - 9:45 FGCNYS Executive Committee Meeting, 2017 - 2019
9:45 - 11:00 FGCNYS Board Meeting, 2017 - 2019
11:15 - 12:15 Judges Council "Photo 101"
Bobby and Lovejoy Duryea will teach what you need to do to include photography in your next flower show, and how to win prizes. Bring your smart phone or digital camera. Open to all attendees.
12:45 - 2:00 Lunch, Awards Ceremony
Jeanne Nelson, Awards Chairman
2:30 - 4:30 Botanical Arts workshop on artistic crafts by NGC Mater Judge Marion Romeo. Informative lecture followed by a workshop where participants may create a botanical brooch or decorate a shoe.
Advanced registration required for workshop portion of this event.
5:15 - 6:00 Reception Honoring 2017-2019 Outgoing Officers and Directors
6:15 Receiving Line
6:30 Dinner honoring outgoing FGCNYS President Monica Hansen.
Special Guest Speaker - Neal Sanders author of "A Murder In the Garden Club" and many others, will speak on "Gardening is Murder".

Conference Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

8:00 - 12:00 Registration
8:30 - 6:15 Vendors/Exhibits
9:00 - 10:30 Annual Meeting and election of 2019-2021 Officers. Open to all.
11:00 - 12:15 Design Presentation by Darcie Garcia, AIFD, CFD, a 25 year veteran of the Floral industry. She served on the White House design team for the Singapore State Dinner. She is the Head Designer at RichMar florist in Allentown, PA.
12:45 - 2:45 Luncheon Banquet and Installation of 2019 - 2021 Officers and District Directors.
3:00 - 4:00 District Directors - Outgoing and Incoming meeting
3:00 - 4:00 Finance Committee Meeting
5:15 - 6:00 Reception Honoring President Victoria Bellias, courtesy of Three Villages Garden Club.
6:15 Receiving Line
6:30 Dinner
Evening Program:
"Talkin' Trash with Larry Swanson"
Larry Swanson Director Waste Reduction And Management Institute

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 FGCNYS Executive Committee Meeting and FGCNYS Board Meeting, 2019-2021 term.

Registration Form

NAME: _____
Street: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ District # _____
Email: _____

Please check all that apply: Former FGCNYS President;
 FGCNYS Board Member; NGC Life Mbr; CAR Life Mbr;
 NYS Life Mbr; Club President; Guest/Spouse

- A. Full-Time Conference, four meals - Monday Lunch and Dinner, Tuesday Lunch and Dinner, all events and "Botanical Arts" Workshop \$180.00**
- B. Full-Time Conference, five meals - Monday Lunch and Dinner, Tuesday Lunch and Dinner, Wednesday's BOD Breakfast, all events and Monday's "Botanical Arts" Workshop \$215.00**
- C. Monday Special - both Lunch and Dinner and Monday's "Botanical Arts" Workshop \$ 80.00**
- D. Part-Time:**
- Monday's "Botanical Arts" Workshop \$ 5.00**
Monday Lunch: \$ 35.00
___ Chicken Caesar Salad; ___ Vegetable Selection
Monday Dinner: \$ 45.00
___ Grilled Salmon; ___ Vegetable Selection
___ Marinated Grilled Flank Steak; ___ Pork Loin;
___ Roasted chicken Bruschetta.
- Tuesday Lunch, installation and Program: \$ 55.00**
___ Grilled Salmon; ___ Vegetable Selection
___ Marinated Grilled Flank Steak; ___ Pork Loin;
___ Roasted chicken Bruschetta.
- Tuesday Evening Dinner and Program: \$ 45.00**
___ Grilled Salmon; ___ Vegetable Selection
___ Marinated Grilled Flank Steak; ___ Pork Loin;
___ Roasted chicken Bruschetta.
- Wednesday Islander Breakfast Buffet \$ 35.00**

Registration is required to attend any of the programs. Registration/refund deadline May 3
Mail this form, with any dietary needs noted, along with check payable to FGCNYS, Inc. to: FGCNYS, 21A Brookedge, Guilderland, NY 12084-9110
Full time attendees, please indicate if you will be attending Monday's Botanical Arts Workshop. _____