

The  
Federated Garden Clubs  
Of New York State, Inc.



We Cordially Invite You To  
Our 94th Annual Spring  
Conference and Meeting

“Our Gardens, Our World”

April 15-17, 2018

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**REGISTRATION FORM - PART TIME**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check All that Apply:

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

**Please check your meal Choices:**

**Monday Luncheon: - \$40.00**

Oven-Roasted Pork Loin w Apricots  Chicken Milanese w Arugula  Broiled Rockfish w Beurre Noisette  
 Potato Gnocchi All with Chef's choice fresh sides, soup, rolls & butter, coffee, tea, dessert

**Monday Evening Informal Dinner: - \$55.00**

Flat Iron Steak w relish  Chicken Provencal  
 Lobster stuffed Sole Florentine  Strudel w mushrooms, goat cheese All with Chef's choice fresh vegs & starch, salad, rolls & butter, coffee, tea, dessert

**Tuesday Luncheon: - \$40.00**

Grilled Sirloin Steak w relish  Asiago Crusted Chicken Breast  Charred Atlantic Salmon w Pickled Veggies  Risotto w Wild mushrooms, leeks & barley All with Chef's choice fresh sides, soup, rolls & butter, coffee, tea, dessert

**Tuesday Evening Informal Dinner: - \$55.00**

10 oz. Prime Rib  Tomato/Mozzarella Stuffed Chicken  Atlantic Salmon w Fennel & Crab  Strudel w/ Wild Mushrooms & Goat Cheese All with Chef's choice fresh vegs & starch, salad, rolls & butter, coffee, tea, dessert

**Registration is required to attend any programs.**

Mail this Form with check payable to **FGCNYS, Inc**  
Mail to the FGCNYS Office:  
21A Brookedge, Guilderland, NY 12084-9110

Deadline for registration is April 2, 2018.  
(Late fee after April 2 is **\$20.00**). No refunds after April 2, 2018. Hotel reservations should be made directly with Hotel. Please see other side for details.

**REGISTRATION FORM - FULL TIME**

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For all full-time registrants, registration fee of \$165.00 includes all fees, programs, and meals for the entire conference.

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## Featured Speakers / Programs / Workshops

### **Sunday - Noon - 4:00PM - Tour the Cutler Botanic Gardens**

840 Upper Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905. The Cutler Botanic Garden is a center for teaching horticulture and environmental issues. Take pictures, and have Arabella Dane evaluate them.

### **Monday Luncheon - Arabella Dane**

**Arabella S. Dane** is an accredited photography judge for the Photography Society of America and serves as an online emeritus Garden Club of America photography judge and instructor. She is the coordinator for the photography initiatives of the National Garden Clubs, is working with Charlie Burke, PSA president, to develop online photography program for the NGC membership. Arabella has created a computerized flower show program horticulture database of approximately 150,000 plants. She serves on the board of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. as advisor, and as accrediting chairman for their flower show schools.

### **Her Presentation - "Award-Winning Photography"**

### **Monday Demonstration - Photography Evaluation - Arabella Dane**

### **Monday Workshop - Karen Stevens-Mace & Earlene Conrad - "Leaf Manipulation"**

**NOTE: Limited to the first 50 applicants.**

### **Monday Dinner - Janet Allen**

Caring for our yards is the most immediate way we care for the earth. By planting native plants we can provide habitat for even our smallest creatures by using earth-friendly landscaping practices. Become a habitat gardener and watch your garden come to life!

### **Her Presentation - "Habitat Gardening for Life"**

### **Tuesday Luncheon - Joanne Crosman**

Joanne Crosman is a beekeeper who has practiced her craft for over 25 years, starting as a direct marketing study in honey and beeswax. Over time, she developed a product line through her Log Cabin Acres label that continues to expand as time goes on. Her presentation expounds the honey-bee culture and reflects her many years of experience working with the bees. Her hands-on work shop for those interested in making beeswax candles is available later in the day. Enjoy an entertaining approach on bee culture and find out just what the "buzz" is on the bees!

### **Her Presentation - "The Queen and Her Court...What really goes on in the Beehive."**

### **Tuesday Demonstration—Jeanne Nelson—Awards**

### **Tuesday Workshop - Joanne Crosman "From the Hive to Your Home"**

### **Making hand-rolled beeswax candles.**

**NOTE: Limited to the first 40 applicants.**

### **Tuesday Dinner - Nancy Kitchen American Institute of Floral Designers**

Nancy has produced events, lectured, designed, and created industry shows in 21 countries on 6 continents. She has designed for 4 American Presidents, 17 International Presidents and has been on National design teams in Belgium, Singapore, and Netherlands. Her award-winning, special event, and visual design company reflects her creative approach to multimedia design. Specializing in regional and destination weddings and corporate events, she creates unique décor environments for clients locally and globally.

### **Her Program - "Elucidation - That Eureka Moment"**

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### **Hotel Info**

**Rooms are \$110.00 per night including continental breakfast. When making reservations, mention FGCNYS, Inc. Deadline for rooms is March 23, 2018.**

Welcome to DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton, where the cookies are always warm. Our upscale hotel is in the heart of the business district in Binghamton, NY, just 10 minutes from Binghamton University and 20 minutes from the Greater Binghamton Airport. All guest rooms feature either a view of downtown Binghamton or the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers, and some welcome your extended four-legged family. Wi-Fi and use of the Riverwalk Athletic club is complimentary to all our guests, as is our covered parking. The Riverwalk Athletic Club offers state-of-the-art fitness accommodations to all our guests. This fitness club provides free weights, an exercise machine and multiple cardio options, as well as a full-sized saltwater indoor lap pool and whirlpool spa. Dine at the River Bistro. Unwind with a one-of-a-kind creation, or enjoy a signature cocktail, a local beer on tap, or a glass of wine in the lounge. Room service 6:30am to 11:00pm daily. Relax in your guest room and still enjoy a signature dish from our Bistro. Over 36,000 sq. ft. of venue and meeting space, including a large ballroom with shimmering chandeliers, two boardrooms, a lecture hall, and many more diverse rooms. Our hotel in Binghamton, NY will meet all your event needs, including:

- 207 Beautiful Guest Rooms
- Complimentary airport shuttle service and local shuttle service within 5 miles of hotel.

It is close to:

- Downtown Binghamton
- Cutler Botanic Gardens
- Roberson Museum
- Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena
- PGA Golf Courses
- Binghamton River Trail
- NYSEG Stadium
- Ross Park Zoo
- Broome County Airport
- Off Broadway Performances

## **Conference Schedule of Events**

### **Sunday April 15, 2018**

Noon - 4:00P Tour Cutler Botanic Gardens

4:30P - 5:30P Executive Committee Meeting

6:30P - Light refreshments

Link Watson Room

### **Monday April 16, 2018**

Continental Breakfast for those staying in the hotel.

8:30A - 5:00P Registration Main Lobby

8:30A - 6:15P Vendors and Exhibits Open

9:00A- 10:15A FGCNYS Board Meeting

10:15A - 11:30A Demonstration - Photography Evaluation - Arabella Dane

12:00 - 1:45P Lunch / Program - Arabella Dane - "Award-Winning Photography"

2:00P - 3:00P Directors' Meeting

2:30P - 3:30P Judges Council Chairman's Meeting

4:00P - 5:00P Workshop - Leaf Manipulation - Karen Stevens-Mace & Earlene Conrad

6:30 P - 9:15P Dinner/ Program - Janet Allen - "Habitat Gardening for Life"

### **Tuesday April 17, 2018**

Continental Breakfast for those staying in the hotel.

8:30A - 5:00P Registration Main Lobby

8:30A - 6:15P Vendors and Exhibits Open

9:00A -11:00A Annual Meeting & Awards

11:30A- 2:15P Lunch / Program Joanne Crosman - "The Queen and Her Court...what really goes on in the beehive."

2:45P - 3:45P Demonstration - Awards - Jeanne Nelson

4:00P -5:00P Workshop - Beeswax Candle Making - Joanne Crosman

5:00P -5:45P Judges Council Manual Discussion - Open to all attendees

6:15P - 6:30P Receiving Line - Ballroom Foyer

6:00P - 9:00P Cash Bar

6:30P - 9:00P Dinner/ Program - Nancy Kitchen - "Elucidation -That Eureka Moment"