

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Best Western Plus  
503 Washington Avenue  
Kingston, NY 12401-2906  
845-338-0400

All hotel reservations are to be made directly to the hotel. To obtain the group rate, reservations are to be made prior to September 3, 2017. **Request the block of rooms listed for the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS.**

Located in the historic Stockade district of Kingston, the hotel offers a heated salt water pool, exercise room, full service bar and dining room, lounge area with fireplace, complimentary Wi-Fi, and concierge services. The First Capital Bistro serves a buffet breakfast from 7–10 a.m.

**Room rates:** FGCNYS: \$99 double room rate. Includes buffet breakfast for up to 2 people per room. Please reserve early.

**Directions:** By car, NYS Thruway Exit 19, second right on roundabout, hotel is ½ mile on the RIGHT.

## SPECIAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR

A self-guided tour of the historic Stockade District is available within walking distance from the hotel or if you prefer, drive with parking available. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE NEXT PAGE IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT

## POSIES, PAINTINGS, AND POSTCARDS WORKSHOP

Create a personal posy postcard with Fran Heaney. Under Fran's tutelage, she will show you how to paint flowers and use your painting to adorn a postcard. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE NEXT PAGE IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS

**Olana State Historic Site:** [www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org)

**Thomas Cole National Historic Site:**

[www.nps.gov/thco](http://www.nps.gov/thco)

## SPEAKERS

**Michele Peters**, AIFD, CFD was inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designers in 2016 as a Certified Floral Designer. She has been playing with flowers for over 30 years. She is the owner/designer of Ambiance Floral and Events located in Albany, NY. In addition, she was the chair of the floral design segment of the Capital Region Garden & Flower Show for many years, as well as the former chair of NY in Bloom.

**Dr. George W. Crosby** is a 1975 graduate of Chatham Central School and a 4-year recipient of a Garden Club of Kinderhook Scholarship. A member of the plant science faculty at SUNY Cobleskill, he teaches courses in Botany, Hydroponics, Greenhouse Management, Vegetable Production, and Irrigation. Since 2005, he has been involved with a vegetable production in Uganda, East Africa that includes growing moringa tree leaves to help combat nutrition.

**Sylvia Hasenkopf** is a professional historian, genealogist, author, and lecturer specializing in the historic Hudson River Valley of New York State with a focus on the Colonial and Revolutionary eras. Her expertise includes projects for historic sites such as the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, as well as on documentary films. Sylvia is an officer of the Cairo Historical Society and chief editor of their quarterly publication, *The Cairo Herald*.

**Fran Heaney** is a member of the Garden Club of Kinderhook. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a two time Emmy Award winner. At WPIX she drew courtroom cases, including Son of Sam, David Berkowitz, and Sid Vicious. She went on to help design CNN in Atlanta, the original TV Food Network, and redesigned QVC. Fran loves to paint in and around Columbia County.

## Federated Garden Clubs of New York State



### 67th Fall Conference and Meeting

September 17–19, 2017  
Best Western Plus  
Kingston, NY



*'Plant America—  
For a Cleaner, Greener,  
and Healthier World'*

Enjoy the Hudson Valley scenery, history, and the arts while in Kingston, NY. You'll have two days to network with colleagues, participate in the Judges' Council, enjoy vendor shopping, attend fabulous workshops and demonstrations, and experience the business of the FGCNYS, Inc.

Monica Hansen, State President  
Camille McComb, Chairman

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 17

- 2–4 pm Self-guided tour of the Historic Stockade District. See reverse side for details.
- 4–5 pm Relax, swim, and mingle
- 5–6 pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 6–8 pm Informal Dinner. Lynne Arnold will give a presentation on 'The Blue Karner Butterflies and the Blue Lupines in the Albany Pine Bush.'

### Monday, September 18

- 7–10 am Buffet breakfast at the First Capital Bistro (on your own, open to hotel guests only)
- 8:30 am Registration. The Corridor
- 8:30 am–9 pm Vendor shopping and Exhibits. Garden Courtyard
- 9:30–10:30 am Board of Directors' Meeting
- 10:45–11:30 am Reconciliation Ecology, Barbara Campbell, presenter
- 11:30–Noon Cash Bar/Social. First Capital Bistro
- 12–2:15 pm Luncheon/Program. Speaker Dr. George W. Crosby
- 2:15–3:15 pm Judges' Council Program, open to all.
- 3:30–4:45 pm Judges' Council Chairman's Meeting. Nancy Schopf, Chairman. Closed meeting.

- 5–6 pm Vendor shopping in the Garden Courtyard. Cash bar at First Capital Bistro
- 6:15 pm Dinner/Evening Program. 'The History of Wine Making in the Hudson Valley.' Sylvia Hasenkopf, presenter.

### Tuesday, September 19

- 7–10 am Buffet breakfast at the First Capital Bistro (on your own, open to hotel guests only)
- 8:30–11:30 am Registration. The Corridor
- 8:30 am–12:30 pm Vendor shopping and Exhibits. Garden Courtyard
- 9:30–10:45 am Fall Conference, General Session. Awards presented.
- 10:45–11:30 am Workshop: 'Posies, Paintings, and Postcards' with Fran Heaney. Garden Courtyard.
- 11:30–Noon Cash Bar/Social. First Capital Bistro
- Noon–2 pm Luncheon/Program. Michele Peters, presenter. Raffle drawing after.



## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  Former FGCNYS President, Officer, or Board Member;  District Director;  NGC, CAR, or NYS Life Member;  NGC Flower Show Judge;  Club President;  Garden Club Member;  Guest/Spouse

**Full-Time Conference Attendance** includes all fees, meals, and programs in one convenient price: \$145.

**Part-Time Conference Attendance** means you choose what you want and pay accordingly.

Check one:  Full Time Conference Attendance:  
Amount Paid: \$145  
 Part Time Conference Attendance:  
Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your meal choice regardless of whether you are attending Full- or Part-time. **Note that prices indicated are for Part-time attendees only.**

- 1) Sunday Informal Dinner: (\$30 for PT)  
 Penne ala Vodka;  BBQ Chicken;  
 Big Bowl Sante Fe Salad
- 2) Monday Lunch: (\$40 for PT)  
 Rigatoni with Broccoli;  Baked Cod Filet  
 Chicken Parmesan
- 3) Monday Dinner: (\$45 for PT)  
 Four Cheese Vegetable Ravioli ;  
 Chicken Milanese;  Prime Rib;  
 Herb-roasted Salmon
- 4) Tuesday Lunch: (\$45 for PT)  
 Chicken Francaise;  Vegetarian Lasagna  
 Filet of Sole

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to sign up for a self-guided tour of the Historic Stockade District. Sunday, 2–4 pm. No charge.  
 Check here to sign up for the Posies, Paintings, and Postcards workshop, Tuesday, 10:30–11:30 am. No charge.

**Mail this form with check payable to: FGCNYS, Inc.**

Lynne Arnold, Registrar, 68 Merritt Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550, larnold@ix.netcom.com, 845-787-5220

**Deadline for reservations and refunds is August 28.**

**Late fee after that date is \$20.**