

The Digest

THIRD DISTRICT FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.



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**ERNA
GUNDLACH
1926-2020**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of long time board member Erna

Gundlach. Erna originally was from District I on Staten Island where she became a judge in 1974. She moved to New Paltz (District III) about 20 years ago and continued her active garden club career, serving as president of the New Paltz Garden Club.

Erna also held many elected and appointed positions both on District I board and District III board until her death. She also served on the state board for more than 40 years holding many positions and as an advisor to many presidents.

An active master judge and master gardener, Erna was generous with her knowledge. She was also a member of New Horizons Garden Club.

Erna is survived by her son Erich, daughters Trudie and Maddie as well as 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to her family at her address: 15 River Park Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561

From the Director



What a wild and crazy winter we are having! A blizzard in December, 69 degree weather and then another snowfall followed by bitterly cold weather. If we're confused about what to wear when we go outside, just imagine how the animals and birds who live outside are feeling. Their normal winter routines have certainly been disrupted. A friend of mine even had a bear snatch a birdfeeder off her front porch last week and, as we all know, bears should be hibernating this time of year.

Still, these cold days of winter, whether gray and overcast or beautifully crisp and clear, offer us a time to reflect on our gardens from last year and to plan our gardens for this year. I've already identified two distinct areas in the yard that I want to work on this year. In one case, it will involve pulling out some non-indigenous trees and replacing them with natives. While this wasn't planned in conjunction with the Federated Garden Club of New York State's initiative to have each FGCNYS member plant a native tree or shrub this year, it does dovetail nicely with the initiative. Think about participating yourself. Many, if not most of you have mature gardens so planting a native tree might be difficult, but how about planting a native shrub or perennial? Even the planting of native or heirloom annuals will provide support to our pollinators. So when you flip through all those seed catalogs that have started arriving (my first one arrived on Christmas Eve Day!), look for natives and indigenous plants. The birds, bees, insects, and other pollinators will certainly thank you and you'll be rewarded with a planting that will need less care and coddling throughout the years.

This is a shortened edition of *The Digest* in recognition of the fact that many clubs don't meet over the winter so might not have much to report. It's also a quiet time on the state FGC level but I'm starting to get in announcements about recognitions, scholarships, etc. so those will be passed along to club presidents as they come in. If your club has a new president for this year, please remember to send in the change of officer holder forms. It helps us be sure that we are reaching every one of you.

You'll find that the bulk of *The Digest* is about our upcoming Spring Meeting. The location selected is spacious and offers us room to spread out so I hope that each and every one of you will join us this year. The friendship and camaraderie of these events is wonderful. It gives each of us an opportunity to hear what other clubs are doing and to hear a talented presenter share their expertise. Not to mention the opportunity to win a great raffle basket or find a hidden treasure at the Ways & Means tables. So plan on attending.

I'll see you there. Until then, enjoy those seed catalogs and think about where to plant that native tree, bush, perennial or annual!

Regards,

Beth

Director, Third District



SPRING DISTRICT MEETING:

Spring Fling!

Elizabeth Walker, Director, Third District, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

Warmly invites you to the Spring District Meeting

April 16, 2020

Polonaise at the Polish Community Center,

225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12205 | 518-456-3995

REGISTRATION: 9:30–11:30 a.m.

VENDORS, EXHIBITS, COFFEE, TEA, AND

WATER STATION: Throughout the day

WAYS AND MEANS AND RAFFLE TABLES:

9:30 a.m.–Noon

BUSINESS MEETING: 10–11:30 a.m.

LUNCHEON: Noon

\$30 (prepaid by March 31)

Menu: Stuffed Scrod or Chicken Marsala with rice pilaf and bermuda blend vegetables; or Pasta Primavera with Alfredo Sauce; served with tossed salad, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee and tea.

RAFFLE DRAWING: 12:45 P.M.

RESERVATIONS: due March 31. Send names of attendees and menu choice with one check per club to **Cindy Teator, Registrar;**

PO Box 290, Kinderhook, NY 12106.

cteator3@gmail.com or 518-694-1930. Make checks payable to Third District, FGCNYS, Inc.

A FUN THING TO DO: Welcome Spring! Decorate a hat or fascinator with spring flowers and wear it to the luncheon. Live or faux flowers are acceptable.

DIRECTIONS: I 87 (Thruway) to exit 24-I 90 to Albany. Take Exit 2 towards Washington Ave. Turn right onto Washington Ave. Turn right onto Rapp Road and then left onto N. Frontage Rd. Polonaise at Polish Community Center is immediately on the right.

PROGRAM: IT'S ABOUT BLOOMIN' TIME

Michele Peters, owner/designer of Ambiance Floral and Events located in Albany, NY, has over thirty years' experience as a floral artist and designer with styles that range from romantic and classic to modern and abstract. Her energy, passion and creativity reflect in every design, wedding or event. In 2016 she was inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designers and is a certified floral designer in this elite organization. She has been the chair of the floral design committee for the Capital District Garden and Flower Show for many years, as well as the former chair of NY in Bloom. In 2019 and 2020 she co-chaired the committee for the Cathedral in Bloom show at All Saints Cathedral.

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Registration Form for Spring Meeting and Luncheon

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The Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany • 518-456-3995

Greetings! Clubs, please complete this form.

- Each club is to provide a printed list of attendees' names, noting selected entrée for each. Diet restrictions can be accommodated if pre-arranged by submitting a written request with this form.
- Enclose one check covering the group amount, payable to: Third District, FGCNYS, Inc. Cost of \$30 covers luncheon, gratuity, and speaker.
- Due date is March 31. Have questions regarding registration?

Contact Cindy Teator at 518-694-1930 or email: cteator3@gmail.com

Mail form and check to Third District Registrar: Cindy Teator, PO Box 290, Kinderhook, NY 12106

Club Name: _____ Date: _____

Club Contact Person to call if questions arise regarding this registration:

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount of Enclosed Check: _____

Members Names (Please Print):

Scrod Chicken Pasta

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