



# DFGC 2018 NEWSLETTER

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So good to see the nice bright green new leaves finally after a roller coaster of a winter and spring. Hope you all enjoyed our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee party and all the bling. The Delaware Judges Council did an outstanding job in bringing us exhibits representing different phases of design that has emerged since our DFGC began from the very traditional designs to the way out there artistic creative designs. All in attendance for our Anniversary party received a well done commemorative booklet, prepared by Judy Dayhoff, highlighting the history of DFGC from its inception. Our CAR past and present Directors, DFGC past and present Presidents and individual Clubs too participated by adding information to this historical booklet. If you are interested in obtaining a copy either for yourself or for your club historian, we will have a few that are left for sale at our cost (\$6) at our board meeting in May and also at our June 20 state meeting. The DFGC also received a Tribute awarded by Governor John C. Carney and Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long.



Our board and committees are hard at work. Some of us will be preparing to go to the National Garden Club Convention on May 21 – May 24 which is close by in Philadelphia. Our next DFGC meeting on June 20, 2018 in Dover is our Awards presentation meeting and you will not want to miss it or our speaker on Topsy Turvy Tables. On July 18, right after our DFGC board meeting, we will have our DFGC club presidents as our guests for lunch and the annual Presidents' meeting.

Our DFGC TREE-mendous Tree Planting at the DBG project is still going strong with 67 trees and counting!

Our DFGC TREE-mendous Membership Growth has been successful and we welcomed our newest DFGC club, Four Seasons Gardeners of Heritage Shores, at our April meeting. Karen King, president of Four Seasons Gardeners, received her president's pin at our April meeting and we congratulate Karen and her 22 members for organizing their club in two short months and supporting the objectives of DFGC. Be sure to welcome these new club members at our June meeting. We

will be addressing a possible new evening garden club in the Middletown-Oddessa area this month. Membership is vital to the DFGC so if you would like to help with adding new members to your club or starting a new club in your area, please contact our DFGC membership chair, Alva Hutchison.

Hope to see many of you at our next state meeting in June.

Have a TREE-mendous gardening season!

Lisa



## A REMINDER TO ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

The next DFGC meeting will held on Wednesday June 20, 2018. The meeting will be at the Outlook at Duncan Center. The cost is \$30 which is payable to your club. Coffee and registration is at 9AM, and the meeting will start promptly at 10.

Parking is at the rear of the building. Entrance is in the front of the building. The address is 500 W. Loockerman Street Dover, Delaware 19904.

Barefoot Gardeners are hosting the meeting. Clubs please send registrations to the Registrar:

Liz Lear  
1602 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, De 19944-4453  
302 537-2799

Each club's treasurer must send one club check with a list of all attending club members to the Registrar to be received by Friday June 8, 2018. If any club member has a dietary restriction it must be noted when registration is made. There will be no refunds once the final count is given to the venue. Please if possible email (call the registrar if you do not have email) the list of members attending, the club check number, amount and the date information is mailed to the registrar. The email will give the hostess club a little more time for preparing name and place cards and the registrar will be looking to receive your mailed information.

Thank you and hope to see many at the meeting.

## Coastal Gardeners

Our club is called Coastal Gardeners. We meet each month at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. We received recognition as a new garden club on November 15, 2017 at the DFGC meeting in Dover. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by those who attended, and we met many new people from garden clubs throughout the state of Delaware.



In December, 2017 we enjoyed an amazing dinner at the Good Earth Market in Ocean View. We had the opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxing atmosphere. Many of our club members were in attendance as well as their spouses. The owners of the Inland Bays Garden Center and Lisa Arni, the DFGC President also attended this event.



Here we are at the Center for the Inland Bays working on our first club project. The center is near the Indian River Bridge. We started by clearing the area around the sign to prepare for the future planting of native plants. This will be an ongoing project and will be completed in phases.



## Garden Gate Garden Club

May 9 th we celebrated the 55 th anniversary of our club. Prior to our meeting we attended the re-dedication ceremony of our gate at the Delaware Center for Horticulture. Past presidents were invited to the anniversary party and told Amusing stories and refreshed our memories of club accomplishments, one of which was the restoration of the Fallen Heroes garden at the Dover Air Force Base.

# SUSSEX GARDENERS



**February, 2018**  
From left to right, current member Judy Naughton joins new members Kate Renner and Christine Berg at the friendship lunch at the 1776 Restaurant in Lewes.



**March, 2018**  
The Gardeners took a tour of the University of Delaware Marine Science Culture Resource Center in Lewes. We learned about environmental conditions and the marshes and bays surrounding us.

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## LEWES TULIP CELEBRATION 2018



Once again Sussex Gardeners participated in the celebration. The talented Z Committee created monochromatic flower arrangements which were displayed at the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes. A card accompanied each arrangement with the meaning of each color. Two of the arrangements pictured here by Kathy Ackerman, left and Myra McCormick, right

## DFGC 60th ANNIVERSARY



The Sussex Gardeners were the host for this Diamond Jubilee. Bev Cook worked diligently as registrar with Diane Hudson assisting to coordinate center-pieces, name tags and place cards. Georgette Smith used her flair to do floral embellishments of tags and cards



Ruth Rogers Clausen, renowned horticulturist and winner of the Quill and Trowel Award spoke at our April meeting. Her presentation was "How Sweet It Is" Which suggested scent and tactile plants to smell and touch. Ruth autographed her books.

## Gardeners By The Sea

**Fancy Hat Tea** - The Gardeners by the Sea held a lovely Fancy Hat Tea at the Cripple Creek Country Club in Dagsboro, Delaware on Friday, April 27th. It was a sold out event and enjoyed by all. Many lovely hats adorned many of the attendees. The tea consisted of a cup of tomato soup followed by delicious finger sandwiches, a plate of outstanding desserts and, of course,



Left to right – Jean Sewald, President; Sue Basile; Kathy Lesperance; Alva Hutchison, Secretary.

tea.....



"Table centerpieces were made by our members using hats."

This fundraiser not only brought our members together but also our neighbors and friends. We will use the money raised for our two - One Thousand dollar scholarships which we give to two Delaware Tech students studying Horticulture or a related field plus other community service projects, in which our club participates.

**Plant Sale** – The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Artisans' Fair and Farmers Market will be held on May 26, 2018 at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View. DE from 9 am until 3 pm. Gardeners by the Sea (GBTS) is participating in this event to raise money for our various community projects. The Fair's profits goes toward local scholarships. The Fair has over 75 exhibitors and GBTS' plant sale will be part of this well attended, over 2,000, Fair. Come and find that wonderful one of a kind plant. Admission is free.

Below are a couple of unusual and exotic plants that will be available at the sale.



## The Milford Garden Club

Milford Garden club is having a busy spring after a loooong cold winter. We were asked by the Veteran's Home to plant the planters a little earlier since they were having a dedication of their new Alzheimer's Wing which included the Governor and other dignitaries in attendance. On a bitter cold day the first week of April some of our members planted the 9 planters with pansies. It was also Easter Break so we had some help from a couple of grand kids!



Members Marge Huntzinger, Helen Anable, Susan Newark, Maddie Polhemus and Ann Burton plus helper grandsons!

Club President Susan Newark



Our club had submissions of over 30 Smokey Bear/Woodsie Owl posters and 7 poems for the Youth Competitions. 6 posters and 5 poems were selected winners at the state levels and were sent onto CARSGC for additional judging. Here are some of the winners:



# Barefoot Gardeners

Our Club received some sad news in March. A Charter member and cherished friend passed away at home. Gail Noel was a very active Club member until her health slowed her down last year. Our Club president was in Florida at the time but sent off an e-mail to our members stating that she wanted to dedicate our next TREE-mendous tree to Gail. As we were not having our first meeting of the year until April, she mentioned that if you wanted to participate but were one of our many snowbirds still in Florida or would not be able to attend the April meeting, to send a check to our treasurer. Several members did just that and then we took up a final collection at our meeting. We not only had enough money to buy a tree - we had enough for five tree plantings. I told you that Gail was well loved! President Arni was able to print Gail's certificate in time to present it to the Club at the DFGC Meeting on April 18. Our president called Gail's husband, Woody and arranged to give him her certificate which moved him to tears. This is a picture taken when Woody received Gail's certificate.



Other trees that the Barefoot Gardeners recently donated to the Botanic Gardens, as part of the Dollars for Botanic Gardens program, honored Jeannie Nedwick, Sue Clark and Barbara McCoy. They are pictured at left receiving their respective certificates commemorating that donation.

A great big shout-out to Margaret Woda, DFGC's webmaster, who has done a super job revamping the website. She added a section under the Join tab for prospective members to find a club near them. When information is entered, our president receives an e-mail with their information. In February she got just such an e-mail but it was not from a future member, it was from East Coast Garden Center informing us that our club was to be mentioned on their Saturday radio show, the "Potting Shed". They were doing a segment on gardening in your bare feet and remembered that there was a club by that name. If it would not have been for Margaret, they would not have been able to find our Club because that information is in the Members Only area of the website and is password protected. Margaret received a special President's award at the DFGC meeting for her outstanding service.

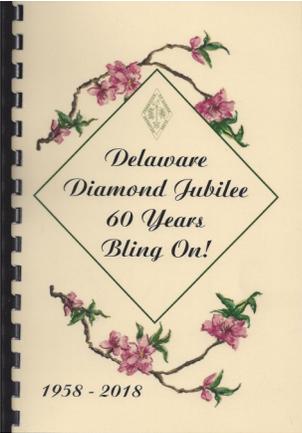


Our president, Judy Dayhoff, also received a special President's award for the preparation of the 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Booklet that was presented to all registered members at the meeting.

Another member, Junis Adkins, was praised for painting a watercolor of peach blossoms used for the cover and throughout the booklet.

*Happy Gardening!!!*

From the Barefoot Gardeners



## Middletown-Odessa Garden Club

Middletown-Odessa Garden Club's Crop Swap last year was a huge success in its first year and we are looking forward to hosting it again this summer. The events are held at the Corbit Calloway Memorial Library and is open to the public. Bring your abundance of crops that you would like to share and take home some as well. Please mark your calendars.

Monday, July 9th 6:30-7:30 pm

Monday, July 23rd 6:30-7:30

Monday, August 6th 6:30-7:30

Monday, August 20th 6:30-7:30

Monday, September 10th 6:30-7:30

Monday, September 24th 6:30-7:30

Our Club members came out on a frigid morning in April and helped prep the Middletown Main Street Pocket Park and Cochran Square for spring with planters of daffodils and tulips. Keep an eye out as they should be blooming shortly.



Middletown-Odessa Garden Club came out and supported the Corbit Calloway Memorial Library's May Fest this year on Saturday, May 5. There were many things to do and buy and it supports the reading programs at the library. Our Club sold plants and beautiful terrariums amongst other items



## Hoe 'n Hope



### Fashion & Flowers

Join Hoe 'n Hope Garden Club for our very special program, featuring the history of fashions from bygone eras and the flowers arrangements of their times.

Save the date  
November 12th, 2018



Our speaker, [Karen Jessup](#) will bring several educational exhibits and will present the history of fashion eras from 1770 to 1970.

In conjunction with Karen's presentation, several of our Delaware Federation of Garden Club's finest designers will interpret some of the featured fashion eras with floral arrangements that reflect the designs of those times.

Refreshments will be served. More information and tickets will be available at the June state meeting.



Ever wondered what was going on underneath some of the fashions of the past to give them their remarkable shapes?

Join us for our November 2018 program to find out!



## Plantation Lakes Garden Club

“Celebrate Spring” is the theme of an NGC Small Standard Flower Show by Plantation Lakes Garden Club on Saturday May 19, 1-4 p.m. at Plantation Lakes Community Center, 29787 Plantation Lakes Boulevard in Millsboro, Delaware. We hope that you will come! It is free and open to the public.

Our Spring Celebration began earlier in the season on the last Saturday of April when Margaret Woda conducted a May Basket Demonstration for new members and non-member residents of the community. The result was our third annual display of May Baskets throughout our community on May Day, as we worked to “Beautify Plantation Lakes one front door at a time.”



Next on the agenda was our annual Spring Plant Sale on May 11-12, under the leadership of Ways & Means Committee Chair, Debbie Darr. We purchased over 300 potted annuals from a local nursery at wholesale and resold them at retail prices for a nice profit, and also offered many Mother's Day gift items made by our members