

**The Federated Garden Clubs of
New York State, Inc.**

**99th Annual Convention
&
100th Anniversary Celebration**



“Pollinator Gardens in New York and Beyond”

May 6 – 7, 2024

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The Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.



**Welcomes you to our
99th Annual Convention
Celebrating our 100th Anniversary!**

Officers of FGCNYS, Inc.

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Treasurer: Deborah Francis

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Conference Schedule of Events

Monday, May 6, 2024

7:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Registration
8:30a.m. - 9:00p.m.	Vendors Open
11:00a.m.-11:45a.m.	Exec. Committee Meeting-Closed
12:00noon - 1:30p.m.	Lunch
1:45p.m. - 3:45p.m.	Lori Adams - Composition and Color in Botanical Photography
4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.	Kerry Mendez - Power up Garden Beauty, Power Down Garden Maintenance
5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.	Dinner

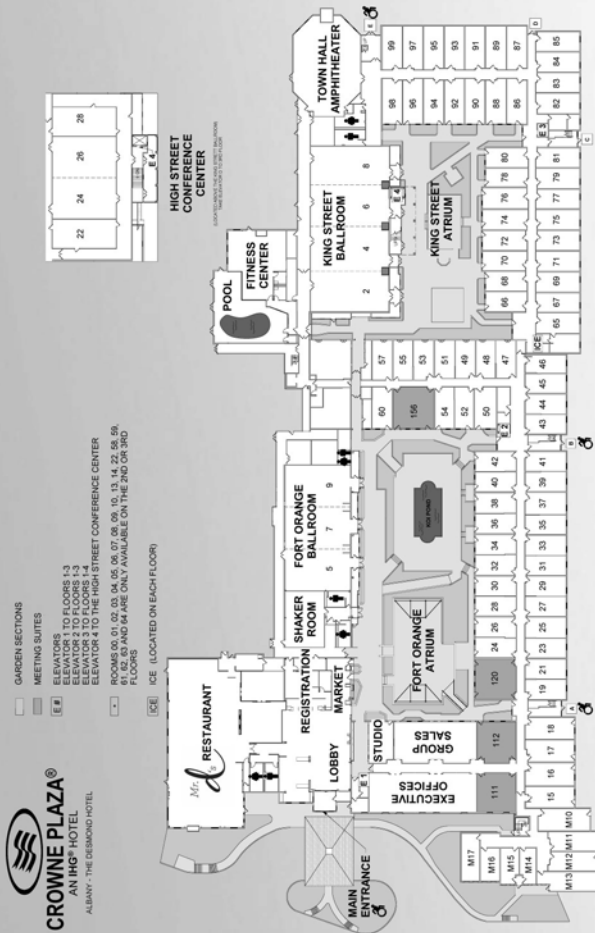
Conference Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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| 7:00a.m. - 12noon | Registration |
| 8:00a.m. - 8:50a.m. | Board Meeting |
| 8:30a.m. - 6:15p.m. | Vendors Open |
| 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. | Annual Meeting - Open to All |
| 11:00a.m. - 12noon | Designer: Michele Peters of
Ambiance Florals & Events |
| 12:15p.m. - 1:00p.m. | Lunch & Program: Carl Heilman II
Perfect Pictures Every Time |
| 1:30p.m. - 5:30p.m. | Tour and Workshop:
Carl Heilman II
Washington Park |
| 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. | Gala Reception (Cash Bar) |
| 7:00p.m. - 9:30p.m. | Gala honoring Jeanne Nelson in
celebration of our 100th
Anniversary |

Please note: Tour and Gala are optional and require registration

Hotel Layout



Helpful Hints for our Conference

- Please turn off all cell phones during meetings and presentations.
- Please bring your colored meal ticket to each meal.
- Please wear your name tags to all functions.
- When leaving the Conference, PLEASE place name tags in “Name Tag Box” at the Registration desk.

Centennial Committee Members

Donna Sessa, President

Elizabeth Walker, 1st Vice-President, Event Chairman

Nancy Kalieta, 2nd Vice-President

Cheryl Kopyt, 3rd Vice-President, Awards

Jane Madis, Corr. Secretary, Gala Chairman

Dorothy Grant, DEC Chairman, Vendor Chairman

Betty Jessup, Program/Speaker Chairman

Gary Barrack, District Three Director

Laura McLaughlin - Symposium Co-Chairman

Eileen Di Ricco – Symposium Co-Chairman

Tony Antes - Audio Video

Carol Demicco - Organizer

Our Presenters

Lori Adams - Composition and Color in Botanical Photography

Lori's background is in art and science. She received her BA in Photography at Bard College with studies in art and science (math, electricity, and physics). She has studied Imaging Science at the graduate level at Rochester Institute of Technology and taught photography for 10 years at the college level.

She is most happy when working outdoors moving dirt, weeding, or planning a new project; a runner-up to that happiness is when she is working on a photo project in her studio or has a camera in her hand. Currently freelance commercial photography has her behind-the-scenes in many places she would not normally get to see.



She also gets to photograph artwork, professional landscaping, and garden designs for children's science books and for gardening books. She enjoys sharing her work through exhibits and teaching.

Lori's books include *Timeless Triops: A Prehistoric Creature* (2014), *Little Flowers with Big Attitude* (2014), *Triops – a very unusual creature* (2009) and *Look, Ask & Learn About Butterflies* (2010). She also has 15+ books in English and Spanish for the NYS Science 21 Curriculum.

Lori will share her methods and results using composition, color and light both outdoors and in her studio. Throughout her presentation she will talk about lighting, color and composition and how basic design principles and curiosity about plants guide her image-making. Lori uses compelling imagery and common-sense analogies to help you advance your understanding of what is possible, to increase your confidence and to encourage you to explore and experiment.

You will not want to miss this program!

Kerry Mendez - Power up Garden Beauty, Power Down Garden Maintenance

Where to start? Kerry Ann is a ‘passionate perennialist’ with over 25 years



of hands-on experience. As a consultant, designer, and teacher, she specializes in low-maintenance, sustainable garden and landscape design, incorporating perennials, ornamental grasses, flowering shrubs, bulbs, and no-fuss annuals. Kerry believes in Powering Up Garden

Beauty and Powering Down Garden Maintenance, something that will appeal to all of us, by using amazing perennials and flowering shrubs that provide much more color than commonly planted varieties while needing less backbreaking maintenance. These underused beauties (many of which are natives or nativars) are pollinator friendly and most require less water. Enjoy more time relaxing with family and friends as they admire your handiwork!

Kerry Ann is the author of several popular gardening books: *The Budget-Wise Gardener: Plant the Best for Less!* (St. Lynns Press, 2015); *The Right-Size Flower Garden: Simplify Your Outdoor Space with Smart Design Solutions and Plant Choices* (St. Lynns Press, 2015); *Flower Gardener’s Top Ten Lists: 70 garden-transforming theme lists and strategies for growing gorgeous, low-maintenance gardens*; and *Top Ten Lists for Beautiful Shade Gardens*.

In 2014 she received the Gold Medal Award from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society recognizing individuals who have contributed to excellence in horticulture. Kerry Ann was specifically acknowledged for “Exceptional teaching and writing that increases public enjoyment and appreciation of horticulture.”

Owner of Perennially Yours, LLC, Kerry Ann is an entertaining, inspirational, and educational speaker who enjoys mingling humor with down-to-practicality. She is the national spokesperson for Proven Winners and Espoma national brands and is sponsored by The American Horticultural Society, Proven Winners, and Gardener’s Supply Company.



Michele Peters - Designer Ambiance Florals & Events



Michele has a passion for the flower world. Whether designing a dream wedding or creating a birthday arrangement, all her experience, energy, and creativity are reflected in every design. She was inducted into AIFD (American Institute of Floral Designers) in 2016 and is a CFD (Certified Floral Designer) in this elite organization.

Michele has been a favorite presenter at many local garden clubs and at district meetings. Her designs are creative, expressive, and always beautiful.

She considers herself a work in progress as she continues her education and learns new things to do with flowers.

Carl Heilman II

Perfect Pictures Every Time

Outdoor photographer Carl Heilman II has lived in the Adirondacks in upstate New York since he moved to the region in 1973 to live in his parents' summer home. He has been photographing the wilderness landscape since 1975, working to capture on film both the grandeur of these special places, and the emotional and spiritual connection he has felt.



His passion for spending as much time as possible in some of the wildest regions of the Adirondacks soon became a lifelong quest to create images that record the essence of a true wilderness experience and help convey that feeling to others. Today he is a full time professional outdoor nature photographer.

His first coffee table book, *Adirondacks: Views of an*

American Wilderness was published in June, 1999, by Rizzoli International Publications, Inc. This beautiful 166 page book features both panoramic images and standard format photography to portray some very unique and special views of the Adirondack Park. Since then, he has photographed for 3 books on New York State - *Wild New York* (2005), *Our New York* (2006), and *Backroads of New York* (2007); all with Voyageur Press. He was also selected as one of 39 photographers to be included in *The Best of Nature Photography* - a photography book that includes images and tips from some of the top professional photographers in the country. Some of his many other books include *The Adirondacks* (2006 - Rizzoli), *Lake George* (2009 - North Country Books), and *The Coast of Maine* (Rizzoli - 2009).

Carl will be sharing those tips and techniques with us as he leads a tour to Albany's

Washington Park, where preparations will be underway for the annual Tulip Festival with thousands of tulips planted in a rich variety of



colors and forms, all surrounded by the backdrop of spring-flowering trees.

Historical Highlights
Federated Garden Club of New York State
By Nancy Kalieta

Under the direction of Mrs. John Paris, 43 people representing 20 organized garden clubs met in February 1924 to discuss forming a federation. The federation was formed with 12 charter clubs (12 more joined 3 months later) for the purpose of supporting its members. The first Annual Meeting was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in NYC in 1925. In 1929, the National Council of State Garden Club Federation, Inc. was formed. (The name was later changed to National Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1999). New York was a charter member with 12,500 members.

A New York state seal designed by Frederick LeRoy Sargent of Harvard was used for the first time on the cover of the 1927 yearbook. It features the rose, the state flower of New York, surrounded by laurel and olive branches symbolizing fame and achievement. For many years, presidents have worn a solid gold replica of our seal. The incumbent president is the only person who may wear this pin which is presented at the installation. A Federation Former President pin, a much smaller version, is presented to each outgoing president.

In 1931, FGCNYS hosted the first course in judging flower shows with 153 people from 11 states in attendance. The federation published pamphlets on “Notes for Judging Amateur Flower Shows” to use in the judging. The pamphlets were used as a basis for the “Handbook for Flower Shows” published by NGC in 1942. As NGC began to add courses such as gardening/horticulture (1950), landscaping (1958), and environmental (1976), the federation was quick to become involved. Over the years many of these schools have been offered and enjoyed. As the clubs under the leadership of the federation became more involved in various activities, an award program was established (1937). Awards are given in a variety of areas. NGC began a scholarship program in 1952. The FGCNYS also established a scholarship program for students entering college to study in a field related to gardening or the natural world. Blue Star markers, began in 1946, have been placed all over the state to honor our fallen service men and women. Numerous markers exist in all ten districts.

Historical Highlights cont'd
Federated Garden Club of New York State
By Nancy Kalieta

Community involvement became as important a focus as educating its members. Youth Programs were started in the 1930s and are continued today. The goals being to teach children basic gardening skills, instill a deep appreciation for the natural world, and a real concern for the environment. World Gardening was started in 1959 to build bridges of friendship to the less fortunate. Today the clubs of the FGCNYS donate generously to “Water for South Sudan” or “Dig Deep”. The concept behind Garden Therapy (1959) is to work with patients in an activity related to gardening or horticulture. Although the program was originally planned for veterans’ hospitals, its scope has been extended to include the blind, handicapped children, and those in homes for the elderly.

The FGCNYS survived through difficult times in history. During World War II, garden clubs across the country educated people on how to produce food for a nation at war. Victory Gardens became prevalent to not only provide food but to offer hope for a better future. Perhaps one of the most difficult times for New York was 9/11. The FGCNYS was meeting at the Otesaga Hotel for their fall conference. After the initial shock of the disaster, Donna Pair, President, said that they should continue with the meeting on schedule as it was important to keep things as normal as possible. That same call for normalcy was evident during the Covid-19 crisis in 2020. Vikki Bellias, President and Linda Zell, the office manager, learned how to use Zoom to create a site for meetings and lectures, and quickly taught us all. Clubs also met outdoors, some sewed masks, and others had food drives. The federation survived another crisis.

The FGCNYS presently includes 181 clubs with over 6,000 members. It is divided into 10 districts. There have been 47 former presidents of the federation. A few have been willing to share their thoughts on what it was like to be part of the FGCNYS:

Historical Highlights cont'd

Thoughts from Former Presidents

Joan Corbisiero (1991-1993)

I remember very fondly my trips to the Albany Office nearly every week, accompanied by my friend and then Treasurer, Connie Bishop. The special project of my administration was a horticulture one, which I'm sure is no surprise to anyone who knows me. It was the planting of Elm trees in the State, in an attempt to fight their extinction by the Dutch Elm disease. I wonder today if any of those trees are still around.

Patricia Cargnoni (1993-1995)

My theme for my two years was "TOGETHER WE CAN"... and together WE DID! The NCSGC (later changed to NGC) project for State Presidents was to develop a project under the auspices of Shell Oil Co. to educate the public and implement safe environmental practices in our communities. Ours was INTO THE SEWER drawing attention to contaminating ground water. We won the very generous monetary award. I am honored to have been a part of our Federation leadership during this time of development and dedication.

Barbara Campbell (2005-2007)

"Many things happen in a term. One program was to honor relatives of those serving by giving them red geraniums on Memorial Day. We contributed \$12,000 to the World Gardening project in Haiti. A manual was written for "Officers and Chairman". Great memories."

Monica Hansen (2017-2019)

"Being president made me realize that without our garden clubs there would be no need for our state organization. And as I traveled around our state and met so many of our members (putting 34,844 miles on my car in one year) I felt it even more strongly. As we join to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Federation, I am so proud to be a part of our history."

Vikki Bellias (2019-2021)

"During my term Covid hit. The experience necessitated a shutdown of our activities. But our very smart garden club members were resourceful and adapted to the situation. It sure was rewarding to see how everyone pulled together."

Lynne Arnold (2021-2023)

"When I began my road to the presidency, it fulfilled one of my most pleasant past times, that of travel. I stayed and visited many gardens and historic homes across NY, when I attended state meetings and symposiums. When I became president, I enjoyed meeting the other state presidents from CAR-SGC. I felt proud to represent NY state at the National Convention."

In conclusion, the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State has been fortunate to have dedicated, hardworking, creative leaders and members over the past 100 years. It takes all of us to work together to keep this organization viable and effective now and in the future. The future depends on you.

Supplemental information:

Historical Firsts:

New York was one of the first states to form a federation, to have books in Braille, to establish Judges' Schools, and the first to print a Handbook for Flower Show Judges. The Federation cooperated with Gardens on Parade at the 1939 World's Fair and has taken part in the International Flower Show.

Charter Clubs of FGCNYS:

Staten Island Garden Club; Community Garden Club of Garden City-Hempstead; Douglaston Garden Club; Port Washington Garden Club; Garden Club of Kinderhook; Katrina Trask Garden Club; Ithaca Garden Club; Rochester Garden Club; Garden Club of Dobbs Ferry; Garden Club of Larchmont; Garden Club of New Rochelle; Scarsdale Woman's Club, Garden Section; Garden Club of Nyack,

Special thanks to Barbara Campbell and Victoria Bellias. Your input was invaluable.

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FORMER PRESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE

1924-1928	Mrs. John W. Paris* (Founder)
1928-1930	Mrs. Fred Joel Swift*
1930-1932	Mrs. Samuel A. Brown*
1932-1934	Mrs. James Baird*
1934-1936	Mrs. Ralph Pratt Hinchman*
1936-1939	Mrs. William Crocker*
1939-1941	Mrs. Brice P. Disque*
1941-1943	Mrs. Clement G. Bowers*
1943-1945	Mrs. Charles Doscher*
1945-1947	Mrs. Jack Beck*
1947-1949	Mrs. Wirt Darrow*
1949-1952	Mrs. Charles Hoffman*
1952-1954	Mrs. Wallace B. Lydecker*
1954-1956	Mrs. John R. Lane*
1956-1958	Mrs. Herbert H. Land*
1958-1960	Mrs. Robert Crosby*
1960-1963	Mrs. Otto H. Langhans*
1963-1965	Mrs. Frank L. Walton*
1965-1967	Mrs. Edward C. Madison*
1967-1969	Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch*
1969-1971	Mrs. George Dalziel*
1971-1973	Mrs. R. Reydel Pelicone,
1973-1975	Mrs. Kenneth B. Robinson*
1975-1977	Mrs. Cari Arend, Jr.*
1977-1979	Mrs. A. Roland Wheeler*
1979-1981	Mrs. Edwin A. Duryea*
1981-1983	Mrs. Wilton J. Gates, Jr. *
1983-1985	Mrs. John Maybee*
1985-1987	Mrs. Harry C. Baden
1987-1989	Mrs. Henry J. Sandlas III
1989-1991	Mrs. Vincent DeSomma
1991-1993	Joan Corbisiero
1993-1995	Patricia Cargnoni
1995-1997	Adrienne Langan
1997-1999	Jeanne T. Nelson
1999-2001	Phyllis Besch
2001-2003	Donna Pair *
2003-2005	Phoebe L. Hunt-Fontaine*
2005-2007	Barbara M. Campbell
2007-2009	Jean Beryl Metz*
2009-2011	Elaine DiPietro*
2011-2013	Pam Foehser
2013-2014	Gail McGee
2014-2017	Patricia Wania
2017-2019	Monica Hansen
2019-2021	Victoria Bellias
2021-2023	Lynne Arnold

* Deceased

Floral Tributes

FLORAL DESIGNERS

All Former Presidents

Beth Walker

Jeanne Nelson

Eileen Di Ricco

Lovejoy Duryea

Kim Thomson

Anne Smith

Nancy Kalieta

Donna Sessa

Cheryl Kopyt

Central Atlantic Region

Jane Madis

Special Thanks

A Special thank you to Gary Barrack for his generous donation of music. Your contribution will add a magical touch to the event and truly enhance the atmosphere for all our attendees.

Your generosity and dedication to the FGCNYS will help make the evening unforgettable. We are immensely grateful for your support.

Thank you again for sharing your gift with us and for helping make our gala a resounding success.

In Appreciation

Carole Henry	Cornell Cooperative Extension & Master Gardeners of Albany County Educational Exhibit on Pollinators
Joellen Marie Lampman	Educational Exhibit on Ticks Including Tick Removal Kits Community PM Ext. Support Specialist NYS IPM Program, Cornell University
Greg Cushman	Photo Lounge for Attendees to the Gala: Smile Lounge Interactive
Vito Ciccarelli	Rensselaer County Director of Tourism/Events
Nick Horace Duo	Gala: Musicians and Entertainers
Anne Smith	FGCNYS Office
Lori Adams	Photography Presenter
Kerry Mendez	Horticulture & Landscape Design Perennially Yours, LLC
Carl Heilman II	Photography Presenter, Wild Visions, Inc.
Michele Peters	Floral Designer, Ambiance Florals & Events
Yankee Trails Bus Co.	Transportation to Washington Park

Vendor List

Spear Head Spade: Hugh Mura

hugh@spearheadspade.com 732-297-9240

Spades designed for 85-year-old man to enable him to easily penetrate his tough New England soil.

Catalpa Lane Pottery

jlpolito1@verizon.com 802-373-4200

Floral design containers. Their inspiration comes from nature of course; spring wildflowers, Caribbean coral and desert rock formations, pure distilled forms. The potters believe that any good arrangement needs a good base - stable containers with openings and textures that invite artistic expression.

Debbie Labombard

ddlabbomb@yahoo.com 518-798-3198

Must-have jackets, bags, scarfs, and jewelry

Hens Honey Bee Farm: Geri Hens

716-439-0870

A professional Beekeeper, Hens Honey Bee Farm is the only NYS producer of USDA Raw Organic Honey. Have your honey questions answered and take home a delicious taste of honey. A unique and thoughtful hostess gift for those holiday get-togethers!

3rd Eye Illusions: Chary Robbins

716-532-1367

Chary's table offers a delightful assortment of one-of-a-kind hand painted objects. Choose from exquisite glass ornaments, paintings, handbags, picture frames and trinket boxes!

Magpie Glass: Jen Kuhn

magpieglass44@gmail.com 607-661-0330

Jen has been flameworking glass for 13 years. She started out making glass beads and jewelry, then expanded to sculptural work.



Congratulations on 100 Years!

To our dedicated Former Presidents,
Present and Former Officers and Board Members,
and the Membership of FGCNYS
THANK YOU for your unwavering commitment
and passion. Your dedication has enriched our
communities, enhanced our environment, and
brought joy to countless lives.

We salute our Member Garden Clubs and
Ten Districts commemorating this milestone
as we reflect on the countless gardens we have tended,
the landscapes we have transformed,
and the memories we have shared.

Donna B. Sessa
President, Federated Garden Clubs of NYS
National Garden Clubs



We are proud to be officers in an organization that is 100 years old!

Congratulations FGCNYS



Elizabeth Walker	1st Vice President
Nancy Kalieta	2nd Vice President
Cheryl Kopyt	3rd Vice President
Charlanne McDonough	Recording Secretary
Jane Madis	Corresponding Secretary
Deborah Francis	Treasurer
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**Congratulations to the
Federated Garden Clubs
of New York State
on your 100th Anniversary!**



*"Celebrating our rich past
and bright future."*

The Board of Directors of the Third District,
Gary J. Barrack, District Director

OUR CLUBS:

Athens Community Garden Club
Blue Creek Garden Club
Clematis Garden Club
Community Garden Club of Marlborough
Garden Explorers of Niskayuna
Germantown Garden Club
Greenbush Garden Club
Guilderland Garden Club
Helderview Garden Club
New Paltz Garden Club
Saugerties Society of Little Garden Clubs
Schoharie Valley Garden Club
Shawangunk Garden Club
Tioronda Garden Club
Ulster Garden Club



***Congratulations and
Best Wishes***

**to the
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.**

In appreciation for 100 years of service to our communities,
our State, and our Nation.

The Tioronda Garden Club
Organized May 15, 1929 ~ Federated 1931

“Beautifying the City of Beacon for 95 Years”
Gary J. Barrack, President



Congratulations on 100 Years!

We are honored to support the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State
and celebrate Jeanne Nelson for her leadership and dedication!

The Hopp Ground Garden Club of Bedford, NY
9th District



**DISTRICT IV
CONGRATULATES FGCNYS
ON
100 YEARS OF GROWING!**

DISTRICT IV OFFICERS

Mary Lou Baker, Acting Director
Annette Newcomb, Assistant Director
Sharon Meyer, Treasurer
Sue VanOmmeren, Recording Secretary
Barb Millington, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT IV CLUBS

Ballston Spa House & Garden Club

Kathy Kane, President

Glenville Hills Garden Club

Donna Zelanko, President

Heritage Garden Club

Sandy Markatos, President

Lake George Community Garden Club

Annette Newcomb, President

Sacandaga Garden Club

Janet Mitchell, President

Schuylerville Garden Club

Evelyn Rybaltowski, President



District V celebrates with the

FGCNYS



100th Anniversary

1924-2024

Congratulations to all the

FGCNYS Garden Clubs

Congratulations
FGCNYS on your
Centennial &
Thank You!

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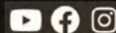
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A Tribute Jeanne Nelson



It is my honor to have been tasked with writing about Jeanne. I suppose I should begin with her accomplishments in garden club of which there are many.

She is a former President of Clarkstown Garden Club, Tenth District Director from the beginning, 1979-1981 and again 1983-1987. Jeanne is a former FGCNYS, Inc. President, 1997-1999 and Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Director, 2011-2013. She is a CAR-SGC Board member and National Council Member.

Jeanne is a Life Member in all three organizations, FGCNYS, Inc., NGC and CAR-SGC. She is a Master Flower Show Judge and a member of National Flower Arrangers.

In her life before Garden Club she taught chemistry and math. She ran a lab at Lederle Laboratories. Jeanne was Lay Leader for her church, Superintendent of Sunday School and sang in the church choir.

Did I mention she has boundless energy? I remember one time when Jeanne was doing a floral design program and recruited myself and Diane Schlipback to the flower room to assist her in preparations. By 10:00 pm I was ready for a warm, cozy bed. Jeanne of course stayed up till the wee hours making sure everything was perfect!

I have shared many rides with Jeanne, our fearless driver, to Meetings and Conventions, eating BLTs on the way, so not lose any time, and laughing all the way!

More than once, she said WHOOPSIE! when she got off in the wrong direction but quickly set us right.

She was not afraid to correct my missteps when I was Director, always with a smile. I appreciate her counsel and her support.

I too am so very grateful for her presence in my life and cherish all the times spent with this amazing lady!

~ Jane Madis

Congratulations Jeanne!!

A “Perennial Bloom” in our midst.

A Bouquet of Knowledge.

A Gardener's Delight.

A Rare Species.

Jeanne Nelson, Clarkstown Garden Club
Member since 1973.

Club President 1977-1979



Our Club's treasure and a shared treasure
to all!!!



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FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE
1924-2024
CONGRATULATIONS

**100 Years of Flower Shows, Floral Design,
Horticulture, Educational Exhibits + Artistic
Crafts and Botanical Arts!**

Our TRIBUTE to HONOR Jeanne Nelson for her
years of Leadership and Dedication!

Thank You, JEANNE!
NGC FLOWER SHOW
Judges Councils



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Liz Gee Chair
Carol English
Renee Rosch*
Heidi Muschick*

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Cheryl Kopyt Chair
Michelle Snye
Ellen Webster
Karen Batt



Congratulations to FGCNYS, Inc.
on achieving 100 years of service to the
garden clubs of New York State
and

Best wishes to Jeanne Nelson,
Former President FGCNYS and
Former Director CAR-SGC.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication.

We celebrate with you as we continue to learn, grow
and bring the love of gardening to our community.

Guilderland Garden Club
Celebrating our 60th Anniversary
1964 - 2024

*Happy 100th Anniversary
to the
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State*

AND

*A very Special Congratulations to My very Favorite FGCNYS
Member!*



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Josephine Fedele, Co-Pres.
Marianne Brunner, Co-Pres.
'110 years and still
blooming!'*

*Richmond Ever-Green GC
Carol Boylan, Pres.
'Growing and thinking
green for 39 years'*



*First District,
Congratulates The Federated Garden Clubs of
New York State on its 100th Anniversary
and
Acknowledges and Honors Jeanne T. Nelson for
her exceptional dedication to FGCNYS, Inc.
throughout the years.*

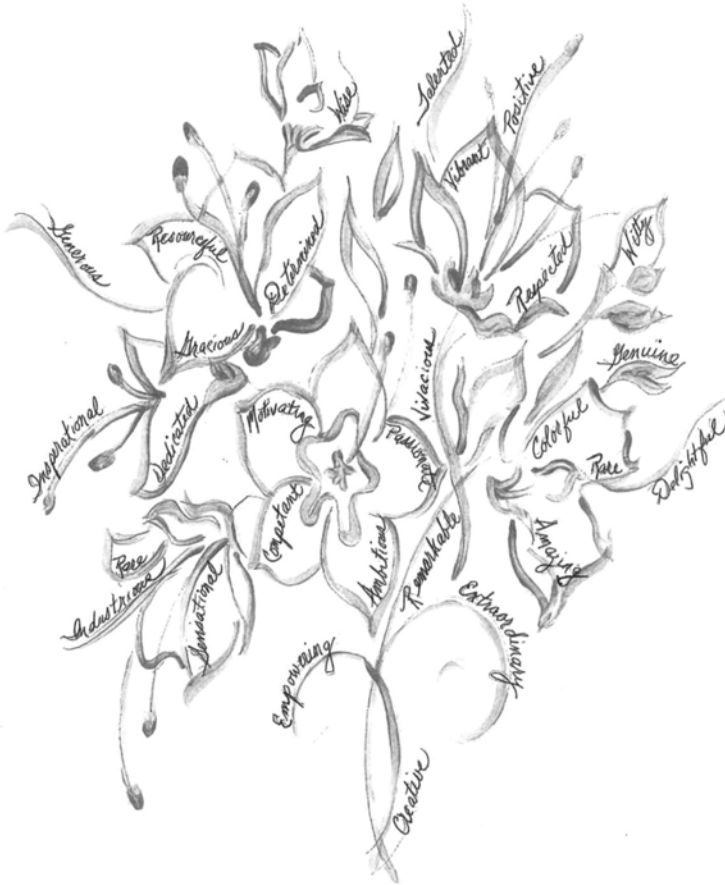
*Thanks are given to Donna Sessa, former and
current Presidents, elected officers, district
directors, Board members, and all Garden Club
members for their steadfast support of FGCNYS.*

*Suzanne M. Quinn
District Director*

*Great Kills GC
Graceann Morawek, Pres.
'We plant our seeds of
friendship through our
gardens'*

*Castle Manor GC
Evelyn Koehler, Pres.
'Coming together to plant,
staying together to
blossom'*

How do you define an extraordinary lady?



**Congratulations to Jeanne Nelson
our colleague, mentor, inspiration, and friend!
With love from all of us at
District X**

**Congratulations to FGCNYS on their
Centennial. It has been an honor
to serve this great organization as
Directors of 7th District**

Pat Cargnoni	1981-1983	also as State President	1993-1995
Carol Frey	1977-1979	Vi White	1987-1989
Carolyn Brown	1989-1991	Christine Mott	1997-1999
Dottie Dailey	1999-2001	Joyce Lyle	2003-2005, 2013-2015
Sue Anne Robinson	2015-2017	Dorothy Grant	2017-2019
Anne Johnston	2019-2023	Carol Stahl	2023-






Congratulations!

Iliion & Minnowbrook Garden Clubs



HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Garden Club of Dobbs Ferry
thanks
Federated Garden Clubs of New York
State
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100 Years
of
Service and Support



Congratulations

to the
Federated Garden Clubs of
New York State, Inc.
on Your 100th Anniversary!

From The Germantown Garden Club
Organized 1928 Federated 1933

*“And Congratulations to our Club’s
Past President, Fran Buft,
for 21 Years of Service.”*

Irene Clum, President



Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc

These are the living former **FGCNYS Presidents** whose dedication and service contributed to the **100 years of success** of our great organization

1985 – 1987 Mrs. Harry C. Baden

1989 – 1991 Mrs. Vincent DeSomma

1991 – 1993 Mrs. Richard Corbisiero

1993 -1995 Mrs. James Cargnoni

1995 – 1997 Mrs. John Langan

1997 – 1999 Mrs. Glenn Nelson

1999 -2001 Mrs. John Besch

2005 – 2007 Mrs. George Campbell

2011 – 2013 Pam Foehser

2013 – 2014 Gail McGee

2014 – 2017 Pat Wania

2017 – 2019 Monica Hansen

2019 – 2021 Victoria Bellias

2021 – 2023 Lynne Arnold

*Congratulations FGCNYS
Celebrating 100 Years!*



*Best wishes and keep growing!
Shawangunk Garden Club
Ellenville, New York
FGCNYS District III*

Jeanne:

**Congratulations
&
Thank You,**
*for your many years of
service and dedication to
our garden clubs.*

Eileen De Ricco



District IX Celebrates 100 years
along with
Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc.



1924-2024

Here's to another 100 years! 🥂

BEST WISHES TO JEANNE NELSON



**THE 9TH DISTRICT JUDGES COUNCIL
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE
GENEROSITY OF JEANNE NELSON
FOR SHARING HER KNOWLEDGE & LOVE
OF FLORAL DESIGN & HORTICULTURE**





*The Three Village Garden Club Members
Join Our New York Friends in Celebrating the
100th Anniversary of FGCNYS, Inc.*

Since Jenny Melville first established the club in 1929, our members have actively participated in caring for and celebrating the beautiful North Shore communities of Stony Brook, Setauket, and Old Field through environmental awareness, and the acquisition of the Three Village Arboretum and Preserve. Horticulture and Floral Designs are enjoyed by the club members and community at our meetings, community displays, Flower Shows and our Annual Greenery Boutique.

Over the years our members have played important roles in District 2 and FGCNYS.

Victoria Bellias, FGCNYS President, 2019-2021, CAR-SGC 2023-25

Alice Dawes, FGCNY Assistant Treasurer 2023-25





Congratulations to

Jeanne Nelson

Thank you for
your exemplary, gentle leadership.
You have inspired us, made us laugh,
and have created between us
a special bond of friendship.

Second District Judges Council



**Nathan Hale Garden
Club**

*joins in the
Centennial Celebration
of
Federated Garden
Clubs
of New York State*

*Embracing new possibilities cultivated
from 100 years of supporting and
educating its member clubs!*

SECOND DISTRICT, FGCNYS

LIZ SCHROEDER, DIRECTOR

Congratulates

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE ON ITS CENTENNIAL!



with many thanks to


DONNA SESSA, PRESIDENT OF FGCNYS

and

our gratitude to

JEANNE NELSON, SPECIAL HONOREE
for her service and inspiration to all our members!

ASHAROKEN GARDEN CLUB, BAY SHORE GARDEN CLUB, BELLPORT GARDEN CLUB,
CENTERPORT GARDEN CLUB, DIX HILLS GARDEN CLUB, DOUGLASTON GARDEN CLUB,
FORT NECK GARDEN CLUB, GLEN GARDEN CLUB OF GLEN HEAD,
LOCUST VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, MERRICK GARDEN CLUB, MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB,
MUNSEY PARK GARDEN CLUB, NATHAN HALE GARDEN CLUB, OCEANSIDE GARDEN CLUB,
PAUMANACKE GARDEN CLUB OF WANTAGH, PORT WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB,
THE OLDE TOWNE GARDEN CLUB, THE THREE VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB,
REMSENBURG GARDEN CLUB, RIVERHEAD GARDEN CLUB,
SANDS POINT GARDEN CLUB, SAYVILLE GARDEN CLUB,
SHORE GARDEN CLUB OF NEPONSIT & BELLE HARBOR, SMITHTOWN GARDEN CLUB,
SOUND VIEW GARDEN CLUB, SOUTHOLD TOWN GARDEN CLUB,
STEWART MANOR GARDEN CLUB, SUMPWAMS GARDEN CLUB, SUWASSETT GARDEN CLUB,
SYOSSET GARDEN CLUB, WESTHAMPTON GARDEN CLUB



Warm wishes and heartfelt congratulations
on the 100 year milestone achievement.
Wishing all the Clubs and the Districts
continued success in the future.

- Seed and Week Garden Club Environs Utica, NY Inc.



*Congratulations to FGCNYS on your centennial
1924-2024*



*Saugerties Society of Little Gardens
Founded 1924*

Celebrating 100 Years

1924-2024

Federated Garden Clubs of NYS

District 3, host to the 2024 Centennial Convention

Salutes and congratulates our Honoree

Jeanne T. Nelson

Your extraordinary service to FGCNYS charts a path of dedication and commitment that will inspire other members and leaders for years to come.

Gary J. Barrack District Director

Executive Board

Maureen McNamara - 1st Assistant Director

Cynthia Teator - 2nd Assistant Director

Treasurer - Marie Celeste

Corresponding Secretary - Carol Demicco

Recording Secretary - Joan Robinson

Assistant Treasurer - Carol Demicco



*The Central Atlantic Region
of
State Garden Clubs
Congratulates our
Federated Garden Clubs of
New York State, Inc.
for
celebrating their 100th
Anniversary this year.*

*Monica Hansen
2023-2025 CAR-SGC Director
Victoria Bellias
2023-2025 Alternate Director*

District VIII FGCNYS




District VIII is comprised of 27 Garden Clubs that serve their communities in Western New York.

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Federated Garden Clubs of New York
State, INC. on their 100th Anniversary
1924- 2024


Dedicated to our Friend and Mentor

JEANNE T. NELSON

Who is always happy to see you and
inspires you.
She serves this Organization in so many
ways.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
FGCNYS
ON 100 YEARS
FROM
FGCNYS DISTRICT VI



**Happy 100th Anniversary
FGCNYS!**

**The Moriches Bay Garden Club
is 50 years old this year!**





Congratulations to the FGCNYS
on the 100th Anniversary
of making New York State and our world a
more beautiful place!

Thank you, Jeanne Nelson, for your
dedication and many contributions to the FGCNYS.
And a special thanks to Dorothy Grant who has
helped me and so many vendors feel welcome at
every convention!


*"When regular shovels
just won't do"*

Hugh A. Mura
256 Fresh Ponds Road
Jamesburg, NJ 08831
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Our Patrons

Carol Stahl, 7th District Director
Blue Creek Garden Club, 3rd District
Artful Gardeners-10th District
Judges Council - 7th District

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Save the Date

CAR-SGC Conference 2024

October 22-23, 2024

The Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, NJ

Come join us in the historic Somerset Hills in autumn!

**Theme: Wonders of the Garden State
Speakers-Workshops-Vendors-Trips**

**Hosted by the Garden Club of New Jersey
Conference 2024 chairmen: Mary Warshauer & Florence
Leysse GGCNJ President-Beverly Kazickas**



Memorial Tribute

In memoriam of Lovejoy Duryea, who departed on January 9, 2024, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those she touched. Lovejoy enjoyed life with a zest that was infectious to all who knew her. She had many friends and relished sitting around the table with them at the Beach Club, sharing stories and laughter. An avid enthusiast of leisurely pursuits, she loved nothing more than engaging in games of croquet and indulging in her beloved pastime of painting.

A devoted member of numerous clubs and organizations such as the Remsenburg Garden Club and the Westhampton Garden Club, she was actively engaged as a member as well as taking a leadership role as Life Membership Chairman on the FGCNYS Board. Renowned for her artistic prowess, she claimed the prestigious Gold Medal from the National Arts Club. She herself was a National Garden Club Flower Show Judge. She is best known for her exquisite flower paintings and watercolors capturing the essence of Long Island's East end.

Her artistic legacy extends far and wide, with her paintings gracing countless private collections and adorning the walls of esteemed galleries and museums worldwide. Among these are the Visual Art Museum of the School of Visual Arts, The United Nations, and the Peterson Gallery in Santa Fe, to mention a few.

Lovejoy's vibrant spirit and zest for life shone through in all she did. Her legacy endures through her poignant creation, Polly Pollinator, symbolizing our Centennial Celebration and fostering the cultivation of pollinator gardens across New York and beyond, impacting lives as we continue our mission. Though she has departed, her spirit and contributions remain eternally cherished.

**Thank you for attending our
Centennial Celebration!
Hope to see you next year -
same time, same place
as we meet again for our
100th Annual Meeting
Crowne Plaza
Albany Desmond Hotel
~ Donna**



**For more information:
watch our website FGCNYS.com**