

The Digest

THIRD DISTRICT FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.



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CLUBS IN DISTRICT III

District Three Clubs, by County

Albany: Blue Creek, Guilderland, Helderview

Columbia: Germantown

Dutchess: Tioronda

Greene-Schoharie: Athens Community, Clematis, Schoharie Valley

Rensselaer: Greenbush

Schenectady: The Garden Explorers, Country Garden Club of Clifton Park, Glen Oaks, H. Gilbert Harlow, Hugh Plat, Western Hills

Ulster: Community Garden Club of Marlborough, New Paltz, Saugerties Society of Little Gardens, Shawangunk, Ulster

From the Board



Greetings from your Second Assistant Director

Welcome to 2023, and Happy New Year (a little late) to all! I hope you are all staying safe and warm during these winter months. Although I am wintering in Florida, I do keep an eye to the sky on the Northeast weather. I am not sure the groundhog got it right, it sure is looking a bit like spring with warmer than usual temperatures and not much snow. I worry about our continued climate change and how the warmer winters will affect my gardens during the year. Only time will tell.

Our spring meeting is just around the corner, so save the date, April 20, 2023. Our theme this year is "Spring Fling." We have changed the location of the meeting to Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie, NY. Our presenter will be Kaye Vosburgh, a past District III Director who moved to Boston, MA in 2000. Kaye is a Sogetsu Ikebana teacher of the highest rank and has recently published a book entitled "Creations from the Garden – Growing Plants for the Art of Flower Arranging." She will create several arrangements during a 90-minute presentation using the principles of Ikebana, Japanese floral arranging. Kaye delights in sharing creative moments with others. She is very excited to return to our District to reacquaint with old and meet new friends.

As usual there will be vendors, ways and means offerings, and raffles with great prizes. Vendors will not have access to setup until 9 am, the morning of our event. I'm asking attendees to not arrive too early, so those of us prepping for the meeting have time to setup. Registration will begin at 9:30 am, and there will be plenty of time to shop and browse the raffle table prior to the start of the meeting. Coffee, tea, and continental breakfast items will be available throughout the morning. Our business meeting should be short, followed by the installation of our new Executive Board officers.

Our new FGCNYS, Inc. state officers will be installed at the annual State meeting scheduled for May 23–25 in Hauppauge, NY. Past Director, Beth Walker, will become the First Vice President for the 2023-25 term. Congratulations Beth! Details for the State Meeting will be available soon on the FGCNYS website for those of you who wish to attend. The State Meeting is always informative and a great time to meet garden club members from other districts around our great state.

Monica Hansen, our past FGCNYS President, will become the CAR-SGC Director at the National Convention in early May. The 2023 CAR conference returns to New York in October of this year. The conference theme is "Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure." It will be held from Oct. 23 –27 in Corning, NY.

This will be my final "Message from the Board," as my term ends in April. It has been my pleasure to serve as Second Assistant Director. I want to thank all of the Officers and Board Members who have supported and assisted me during the last two years. I also want to thank all of the Club Presidents and members who have continued to promote gardening in our District. Please keep up the great work you are all doing! I look forward to seeing everyone at our spring meeting.

Until then be well.

Regards,

Kris Vogt

Second Assistant Director, FGCNYS District III





SPRING DISTRICT MEETING:

Spring Fling!

Kris Vogt, Second Assistant Director, Third District,
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

Cordially invites you to the Spring District Meeting

April 20, 2023

Pegasus Restaurant

10885 State Route 9W, Coxsackie, NY | 518-731-9200

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

\$40 (prepaid by April 3, 2023)

Menu: Salmon with Dill Sauce or Chicken Francaise, both served with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables; or Eggplant Parmesan served with side of pasta. All lunches include tossed salad with balsamic vinaigrette, rolls and butter, strawberry layer cake, coffee, tea and water.

RAFFLE DRAWING: 12:45 P.M.

RESERVATIONS: due April 3, 2023.

Send names of attendees and menu choice with one check per club to Lorna Silinovich,
PO Box 726, Saugerties, NY 12477.
Make checks payable to Third District, FGCNYS, Inc.

DIRECTIONS: Thruway to Exit 21B

(Coxsackie). Turn left onto State Route 9W (south). Continue 4.6 miles on State Route 9W to Pegasus Restaurant on the right.

PROGRAM: CREATIONS FROM THE GARDEN

Kaye B. Vosburgh, is a former Third District Director who moved from Schenectady to Boston in 2000. She is a master judge in the National Garden Clubs and teaches courses in Design and Procedure for Flower Shows to the incoming judges. She is also a Sogetsu Ikebana teacher of the highest rank, teaching at home in Newton, MA, at New England Botanic Garden, and in Schenectady, NY. Kaye has recently published a book entitled "Creations from the Garden – Growing Plants for the Art of Flower Arranging." Kaye delights in sharing creative moments with others.

Kaye will be creating floral arrangements using Sogetsu Ikebana design. Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arranging. The most distinctive feature of Ikebana is the use of a wide array of materials including beautiful blooming flowers, branches, stems, leaves, and mosses that are arranged in visually appealing ways

Clubs' Calendar 2023

March 24–26, 2023

Capital District Garden and Flower Show
Hudson Valley Community College, Rt. 4, Troy, NY

April 20, 2023

Third District Spring Meeting
“Spring Fling”
Pegasus Restaurant
10885 State Route 9W, Coxsackie, NY

May 20, 2023

Germantown Garden Club Plant Sale
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Palatine Park, Palatine Park Rd., Germantown, NY

May 2–4, 2023

NGC Convention
The Greenbrier Hotel
101 Main Street Wet, White Sulphur Springs, WV

May 23–24, 2023

FGCNYS Convention and Symposium
Hyatt Regency
1717 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY

October 19, 2023

District III Fall Meeting
Best Western Plus
503 Washington Ave, Kingston, NY

YEARBOOK CONTEST



New Deadline for Submissions!

There is a new deadline to submit Yearbooks and it is a month earlier than in previous times. Please send **two** copies of your

Yearbook to Barbara Campbell by **May 1, 2023**
so it can be judged.

I would like to see 100% participation!

SEND YEARBOOKS TO:

Barbara Campbell
14 Deerpath Dr.
New Paltz, NY 12561

Any questions,
email me at bcdeerpath@aol.com

The Digest Online is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Deadlines for submissions are the 15th of the month before each issue (January, April, July, and October).

Please send news of your club's activities, events, and plans—it's a great way to share what you are doing with other clubs. Unlike print newsletters, there is no prohibitive cost factor for using color, so send in your photos. Articles on various gardening and flower arranging topics are especially welcome. Please note that the February issue does not include Club News.

Material for *The Digest* should be sent to Karin Janson via email at kjanson@aol.com.

To access *The Digest*, go to the State website—fgcnys.com—select District III on the home page and then select Digest Online.



