

Director's Message

Let me introduce myself. I am a member of the Greenbush Garden Club. I joined the club nine years ago and have been an active member ever since. I feel that if you are a member of a club, that you wanted to join the group, then you should take as active a part as you are able. Don't be one of the members who do nothing and constantly complain about things. Be an active member and be willing to do what is needed to be done.

One thing that all of us can do is to keep inviting people who are interested to attend a meeting of our club. All clubs need new members to keep going. I have found in visiting clubs that some were begun with certain members and have never invited any new persons to join them. They have turned into private groups, and as the older members die or find they can no longer attend meetings the group does not have enough members to function. New members add new dimensions to a club. A club always needs new ideas and new people. If you want your club to remain viable, you must constantly take in new people and the club must be open to new ideas and new projects.

Another way to grow is to meet and mingle with other clubs. Talk to them about how they do things, what programs they have had, what projects they are involved in. All of that will help your club. Don't sit with just your club members at District meetings. Get together with strangers and talk to them. Find out how they

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At the Third District Spring Meeting April 18 officers for the 2013-2015 term were installed. Front row, l-r: FGCNYS President Gail McGee; Second Assistant Director Camille McComb; Director Olive Felio; and First Assistant Director Marilyn Ryan. Back row, l-r: outgoing Director Reneta Benenati; Assistant Treasurer Gary Barak; Treasurer Beverly Kallner; Corresponding Secretary Joan Giordano; and Recording Secretary Vivian Wachsberger.

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operate and take the ideas back to your own club. Find out what Athens does to make their school projects so successful. Find out why the Germantown club has so many successful flower shows. Talk to the Greenbush club about their community projects. Ask one of the Greenbush members about their meetings at the library and how many of the community attend. There is a wealth of information out there, all ready for you to discover.

Our next District meeting is October 17th at Birch Hill. Set the date aside now. I'll see you there, and please let me know who you are and what you are interested in.

Olive Felio

Enter to Win! Yearbooks

Club yearbooks for the annual contest should be sent to Barbara Campbell, 14 Deerpath Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561-2811 by June 1, 2013. Only one copy is needed.

District Three Clubs, by County

Albany County: Blue Creek, Guilderland, Helderview, Loudonville, Town and Country

Columbia County: Germantown, Greenport, Kinderhook

Dutchess County: Pine Plains, Tioranda

Greene-Schoharie: Athens, Catskill, Clematis, Coxsackie, Schoharie Valley

Schenectady: Clifton Park, Garden Explorers, Glen Oaks, H. Gilbert Harlow, Hillandale,
Hugh Platt, Western Hills

Ulster: Marlborough-on-the-Hudson, Hillside Acres, Little Gardens of Kingston, New Paltz,
Saugerties Society of Little Gardens, Shawangunk, Tongore, Ulster, Woodstock.

Meet Our New Officers

Olive Felio - Director

My life has followed a varied path. Many of you have always lived in one place but that was not meant to be for me. I was born in Albany at Memorial Hospital, and my family subsequently lived in several small towns in the Albany area. For my first six school years I attended Bethlehem Central School. In the middle of sixth grade my family were transferred to Plattsburgh. I lived there until I left to teach in Ogdensburg and later Potsdam. In both schools I taught Home Ec to junior and senior high school students.

My family consisted of my parents, an older brother and a younger brother and sister. We had a very happy childhood, living on properties large enough to raise animals – goats, hens, ducks, always a dog and at least one cat. There was plenty of space for gardening, so we had a large vegetable garden and several flower beds. Starting when I was about twelve I helped my mom with those. Since then I have gardened everywhere I have lived.

I married a civil engineer who was a devoted construction person. When I found out he would be moving from job to job and I would stay in one place I said, "No way!" So our first home was sold and we moved into a mobile home which we could take from job to job. It was very comfortable, and I enjoyed all the various places in New York State where we made our home: Niagara Falls, Massena (twice), Oswego (twice), Alfred and Gouverneur before we settled down in Webster, a suburb of Rochester and the home of Xerox, where we lived for 20 years.

I was thrilled in Webster to move into a very old farmhouse with an acre of land. Already in place were a huge barn and an enormous chicken house, plus several nut trees and a few apple and pear trees. At that time my husband was running our own construction business, so the barn was used for storage and the chicken house was turned into a three-car garage. I could do as I wished with the land, and I had a great time. While we lived in Webster I went to business school to pick up secretarial skills. I wasn't getting enough substitute teaching work to keep me happy, so I began a second career as a secretary.

Our three children, educated in Webster schools, also enjoyed all the land and the big old house. My older daughter became a teacher; married, with two children, she is now on the faculty at the American School in Rio de Janeiro. My younger daughter graduated from Clarkson, lives in East Greenbush and has one daughter in SUNY Plattsburgh and one a senior in Columbia High. My son has never given up his love of gardening. He lives in Florida and enjoys nursery work.

It was in Webster that I joined my first Federated garden club, the Country Gardeners of Webster. The club had a waiting list so it was a few months before I became a member. In Webster I put together the Seventh District newsletter.

After Webster we moved to Willimantic, Connecticut, where I joined another garden club and worked for the University of Connecticut as the secretary for the Undergraduate Government. I truly appreciated all of my teaching education in that job. The students were great.

When I moved here to East Greenbush I immediately found a Federated garden club and volunteered to do whatever needed to be done. Living in a senior apartment building has limited what gardening I can do. I have a small garden here at the building and a bit larger one in my daughter's back yard in East Greenbush. I also have a large number of houseplants, which I enjoy.

I now am your Director and am looking forward to meeting many of you in my travels around the District. I hope that many of you will be attending the District meetings. Plan now, as we know they are held on the third Thursday of April and October. Just keep those days for the District Three meetings. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

There will be a District Three Board Meeting May 16 at Pegasus, beginning at 9:30. We will discuss plans for the coming two years and ideas for using the upcoming FGCNYS distribution to state districts.

Marilyn Ryan, First Assistant Director

Marilyn, a member of the Garden Club of Kinderhook, was born in Ossining, NY. She was married to William L. Ryan, Jr. and has one son and four grandchildren. Her community activities include chairman of the CYO in her church, member of the Valatie Rescue Squad and the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and co-chair of the Niverville Santa Claus Club.

Formerly District Three ways and means chair, and with Jean Smith Columbia County Garden Clubs co-chair, she would like to say thank you to all who have helped. She worked on a project for the Blue Star Memorial and is now helping with the New York in Bloom and Wildwood flower shows. Her fun activities are oil-water painting, gardening, crafts, knitting and membership in her local Red Hats chapter.

Camille McComb, Second Assistant Director

Life is uncertain, eat desserts first! The sweetest part of a meal is a wonderful way to start it - don't be afraid to try.

Camille's previous life before joining the Garden Club of Kinderhook was working with oncology patients, and so it is appropriate for her to start this bio with that first sentence. Over 20 years ago, when her youngest son was in kindergarten, she decided it was time to go back to college, and so she did. She enrolled in the Columbia Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and obtained an AAS degree from Columbia Greene Community College and a diploma in nursing. Then it was off to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany to work as a RN on the medical oncology unit. Her patients taught her what life is really about: never postpone a pleasure, celebrate birthdays with cake and candles regardless of what the number is, life is not a dress rehearsal, and take time to smell the roses. Gardening became a way for Camille to create, relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

She went on to become the first radiation oncology nurse at St. Peter's and learned to teach her patients how to take what was foreign and frightening to them and make it familiar and friendly, which empowered them. Over the next 15 years, she went on to obtain a BS from SUNYIT at Utica/Rome, and an MS and Post Master's Acute Care Nurse Practitioner degree from Sage Colleges in Troy. She was a member of the New York State Capital District Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society, serving as treasurer, president-elect and president. During her tenure with this local chapter of the National Oncology Nursing Society, she developed guidelines for a nursing scholarship to encourage nursing students to work in oncology and, working in collaboration with the Capital District Dermatologists, the American Cancer Society, NYSCDON members, and St. Peter's Hospital, organized the area's largest skin cancer screening.

Joining the Garden Club of Kinderhook was a way to network, meet new people and learn about gardening. She has served as chair of Martin Van Buren gravesite, co-chair of the club's plant and bake sale and Columbia County Garden Clubs chair. Meeting members of the county clubs provided her with a new perspective on how much each group accomplishes. Regardless of size, each was always willing to assist in whatever was asked of them. She thanks them deeply for their warm welcome and support and looks forward to a new leadership role on the District Three Board and its opportunities for professional and personal growth.

Camille has been married to Joe for many years. They have three grown sons, one grandson and one granddaughter. A new grandson is due the end of May - they can't wait to meet him!

Vivian Wachsberger, Recording Secretary

Vivian joined the Garden Club of Kinderhook six years ago and this year is dividing her time between being president of same and recording secretary of the District Three Board. She has been gardening in Columbia County topsoil, aka clay and rocks, for 35 years and is always pleasantly surprised when plants return in the spring.

In addition to her garden club commitments, she is on the board of the Ghent Playhouse, where she ran the box office for seven years. She now does the programs, the newsletter and the membership roster. She is also involved with the Child Advocacy Center in Hudson, helping to plan events and raise funds.

Joan Giordano, Corresponding Secretary

I joined the Greenbush Garden Club in 1988 and subsequently served as president for six years, treasurer for eight years and in various other positions. I consider myself very lucky to have worked with some great club members. For District Three, I previously served as assistant treasurer.

I do not consider myself a great gardener, but love playing in the dirt.

I was fortunate to have been married for fifty years. Sadly, my husband passed away four and a half years ago. My son and daughter-in-law live ten minutes from me, so I can enjoy my 13-years-old twin grandsons. I also have a beautiful granddaughter in Ponder, Colorado.

Beverly Kallner, Treasurer

Treasurer for District Three and her club, Beverly has taken on jobs that combine two of her favorite things: numbers and gardening. After serving as a bookkeeper for her husband's businesses, she worked for a CPA and then became finance manager for Albany County Cooperative Extension. The Master Gardeners there stimulated her interest in gardening, which she practiced extensively on a 28-acre property in Guilderland.

In 2006, recently widowed for the second time, she moved to Niverville and began developing a garden on her property there. She joined the Garden Club of Kinderhook and developed an interest in flower shows. She enjoys digging in the dirt and playing bridge and is active in her church.

Beverly has three grown children and two grandchildren. She rescues feral cats and has a new German Shepherd mix puppy named *G.G.*, short for *Gretchen Grace*.

Gary Barrack, Assistant Treasurer

Gary has been a member of the Tioronda Garden Club in Beacon, NY since 1996 and served as president for two years, from 2008 to 2009. He currently serves as District Three Dutchess County chairman, a position he has held since 2009.

He was employed as a revenue officer at the Internal Revenue Service in Poughkeepsie for 40 years, retiring in April 2012. From 1982 through his retirement in 2012, he served as the president of the National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 61, Albany. He is currently co-chair of the civic beautification committee of the Tioronda Garden Club. Gary is a member of the City of Beacon Planning Board, trustee and chairman of the building and grounds committee at his church and served as treasurer and trustee of the Howland Public Library in Beacon. He has been married to his wife Pamela for 33 years. They have one son.

Landscape Design

National Garden Clubs. Inc. Landscape Design Study Program

While an individual is enrolled in one of the four courses of Landscape Design , the person has the title of student. Upon successfully completing and passing the tests of the four courses, the individual attains status of consultant.

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To remain active, refreshers have to be taken. From the year of passing the fourth exam, one has five years to take a refresher. The five-year spacing is continued after each refresher. Once the person has completed the fourth refresher, the status of master consultant is attained.

Only master consultants are eligible to ask to become emeritus. A letter is sent to the NYS Landscape Design School chairman. The chairman sends that and a copy of person's record that is on file in NYS book to national chairman. The individual receives confirmation from the national chairman and NYS chairman receives a copy.

District Three has seven active landscape design consultants. Master Consultants Antoinette Babb, Barbara Campbell, Elizabeth Hain, Margaret Lansing and Maryann Weber need to refresh by 12/13/2016. Master Consultant Joan Satterlee and Consultant Lynn Fori need to refresh by 12/31/2015.

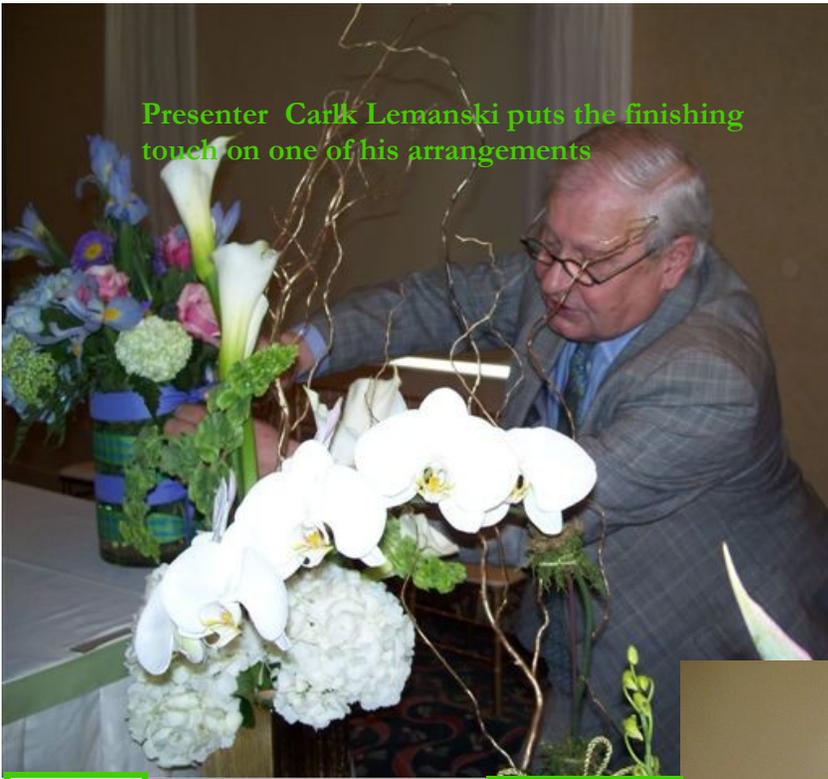
It is the responsibility of each consultant to keep looking for where refreshers are being held, to avail themselves of the opportunity to refresh.

Antoinette Babb,
Landscape Design

The colorful visual beauty of spring is finally all around us. It is a reward for our patience. This is finally my farewell as your district director for the past two years. It was a difficult and frustrating term due to the fact that I was not online, so there was a definite lack of communication. I would have enjoyed getting to know many more of District Three members.

I am still amazed that "Spring Fascination" took place, considering Second Assistant Director Marge Lansing was very ill. I did manage to get Carl Lemanski to be our presenter and to get the State President Gail McGee to attend and also to get the vendor. Due to my ineptness about the centerpieces, I had to do four myself and also furnish some benefit prizes. It wasn't a perfect day, but I hope everyone derived some pleasure and information. I so appreciate the help that was offered by many members at the last minute. A sincere note of gratitude to all who helped, participated and enjoyed these past two years with this old "recycled" director.

Reneta Benenati
(Renee)



Presenter Carl Lemanski puts the finishing touch on one of his arrangements



Outgoing Director Reneta Benenati pins her badge of office on incoming Director Olive Felio.

The cover of Saugerites Society of Little Gardens National Garden Clubs award-winning year-book.



Scenes from our Spring District Meeting



Fran Bull, and Rita Edwards of the Germantown GC pose with State President Gail McGee to display their club's awards.



Camille McComb, Vivian Washsberger and Fran Heaney pose with Columbia County and GC of Kinderhook awards.



Some of Carl Lemanski's arrangements

In the Clubs

Clematis



After having its February and March meetings snowed out, the Clematis Garden Club was finally able to hold its April meeting as scheduled (in spite of some sleet and rain). Inside the Greenville Library it looked like spring. Sue Pez-zolla, who heads the Albany County Master Gardener Program, took the more than 50 of us on a virtual tour of 16 English gardens. Hostesses (left) set a beautiful table; members provided delicious food; and our raffle provided entertainment and funds. Honoree Muriel Gardner, pictured at right, followed directions and dressed for a spring tea.



Also in April Clematis took a bus trip to Wave Hill Gardens. In May the club will hold its annual Memorial Day weekend plant sale at Bryant's Country Square, offering plants from members' gardens. On May 27 the club will install a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker in the Veterans' Memorial Park in Greenville. Club members and guests will visit the Greene Bee Greenhouse in Cornwallville on June 14. Greene Bee is a nursery, garden and arboretum-in-progress which offers home-grown veggie starts, herbs, perennials, small fruits, shrubs and specimen trees, all grown organically.

The club will hold its annual garden tour on June 19, this year featuring six gardens in the Climax area. Tickets and maps will be available at the Maple Ridge Veterinary Office, 1584 Rte. 81, Earlton, starting at 3:45 that day.

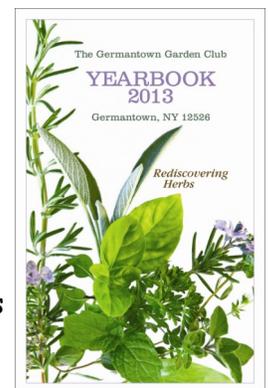
Clematis invites guests to all their events. Please contact President Mary Lou Nahas at (518) 722-8073 or mlnahas@aol.com for more information and directions.

Mary Lou Nahas

Germantown

This year, the Germantown Garden Club will be immersed in all things herbal. The theme for our programs in 2013 is "Rediscovering Herbs." We will take an in-depth look at the many aspects of what herbs offer to us as gardeners and consumers.

At our March meeting, Master Gardener Gloria Kadish from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia County gave a presentation on "What are Culinary Herbs?" Gloria's presentation covered the gamut of herbs that are considered culinary and how to grow them. Did you know that most herbs need full sun at least five hours a day and that they require well-drained soil in the garden and in pots? She gave us tips about planting herbs in flower beds and containers and also how to preserve them, either by freezing or drying. The meeting was well attended by club members and many people from the general public. We had a full house!



For our April 23 meeting we presented a talk about "Herbal Medicine for the Home," given by Dana Eudy, owner of Field Apothecary & Herb Farm in Germantown. Dana and her husband Michael's farm or 'Pharm' as they like to call it, is a medicinal herb farm that offers Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares. The couple hopes to build a grassroots healthcare system by teaching others how to incorporate herbs into their daily practice for a more balanced lifestyle. Dana discussed how the power of herbs promotes good health and prevents illness and "dis-ease," and how to use herbal remedies for common seasonal and other minor illnesses/conditions. She demonstrated how to make tinctures (medicinal extracts), and brought herbal teas to sample.

One of our biggest fundraisers for the year will take place on May 18. Our Annual Plant Sale will have plants donated from our members plus nursery-grown perennials, annuals and herbs offered for sale to the general public. Proceeds from this sale go toward of our philanthropic projects. Please stop by if you are in the area. We are open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is located at Palatine Park in Germantown.

Our other big project this year is our annual Standard Flower Show. Did you know that our club has held a flower show every year since 1928? This year will be our 85th show! It will take place on June 8-9 at the Palatine Parsonage in Germantown. Our theme this year is called "A Taste of Herb." Curious about the herb in question? Come to our show to find out.

On June 18, we will go on a field trip to Victoria Gardens nursery in Rosendale, NY. The nursery is divided into four categories: full sun, shade, deer resistant full sun, and deer resistant shade. I predict this will be a wonderful place to get the right plant for the right location. Herbs included!

Karen Janson

Greenport

The club hosted a spring garden therapy program at the The Home in Hudson for its residents. Club members JoAnn Concra, Dorothy Brown and Angela Rapp conducted the hands-on workshop to create St. Patrick's Day baskets. JoAnn, garden therapy committee chairman states: "With the help of the garden club members, the residents arranged green carnations, baby's breath, greenery, shamrocks and bows in wicker baskets to make their creations. When they were done with their arrangements they were amazed as to how beautiful their creations were." Photo: Left to right: Marge Kane, Vee LaPorta, Anna Kurowsky, Carmella Maturti, Dot Brown, JoAnn Concra, Judy Stein, Angela Rapp, Diana Ross and Betsy Riley.



Spring is finally here, and members of the Greenport Garden Club's civic beautification committee prepare beds and set plants at the Greenport Town Hall. Flowers, trees and shrubs have been routinely planted by the club on public grounds and parks. A new weigela bush was planted, and beds were cleaned for the emerging spring blossoms. The beds at the Greenport Town Hall are maintained year-round by the club.

Carolyn West, Sue Dillhoff and Charles Dillhoff, members of the civic beautification committee.

Photo by Maria Kolodziej-Zincio

Hugh Plat

Hugh Plat is one of the oldest garden clubs in Schenectady County. Every year it enhances the holiday appearance of the Historical Society's building in the Stockade District of Schenectady, decorating mantles and tables throughout the house with period floral/greenery creations. Last year club members created large hand-decorated wreaths for the entry doors.



March activities included a field trip to the Capital District Garden and Flower Show at Hudson Valley Community College. In April the club had a party, honoring President Emeritus Jean Mastriani. This month club members explore the Jackson Gardens on the campus of Union College in Schenectady (pictured at left), followed by lunch in the upper classmen dining hall.

Susan Bushman

Kinderhook

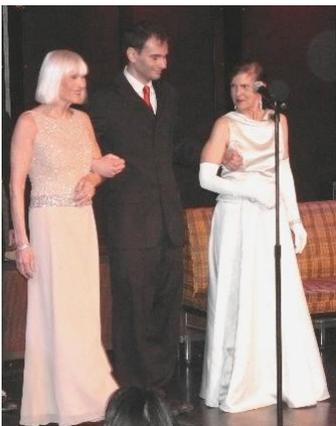
The Garden Club of Kinderhook held its Annual Luncheon and Spring Meeting at the Albany Pump Station on April 9. Members of the club's newly elected 2013-2014 board of directors were installed by Reneta Benenati, club past president and outgoing District Three director. Camille McComb and Susan O'Brien Nicholson organized the wonderful day, with a great turnout of 55 club members and their guests.



2013-2014 Garden Club of Kinderhook Board of Directors: (Back row) Geraldine Smith, Margot Allen, Recording Secretary Carol Finkelstein and Corresponding Secretary Jane Rose. (Front row) President Vivian Wachsberger, Vice President Marilyn Ryan and outgoing past Third District Director Renetati Benenati. Not pictured: Beverly Kallner, Treasurer.

Recently club members participated in a benefit for the Child Advocacy Center at the Columbia Greene Memorial Hospital. Club Helsinki and the Second Show in Hudson put on a fabulous fashion show on Wednesday, March 20th. Garden Club members Camille McComb, Carolyn Beveridge, Hermino Ramirez, Anne Schomaker, Vicki Smith, Wendy Power Spielmann, and Fran Heaney modeled the wonderful outfits organized by Carol Lavender, Bobbi Bush and the many volunteers from the Second Show. It was a glorious night and raised over \$7,000 for the Child Advocacy Center.

Fran Heaney



From the elegant to the...

At left, Wendy Power Spielmann and Carolyn Beveridge, with escort.

At right, Anne Schomaker improvises on Carol Burnett's memorable Scarlett O'Hara in drape dress costume.



New Paltz

On Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the club will hold its ninth annual community-wide plant sale, swap, and garden yard sale. Location: Deyo Hall, 18 Broadhead Ave, New Paltz. Proceeds support the annual \$1000 New Paltz Garden Club Scholarship that is given to a graduating New Paltz High School senior who is pursuing a college degree in horticultural or environmental science.

At 7 p.m. Mon., May 20, also at Deyo Hall, the club offers a program "Knowledge and Attention for Prevention and Early Detection of Tick-borne Illness," presented by Stacy Kraft, Public Health Education Coordinator at the Ulster County Department of Health.

Proceeds from club's table carousel fundraiser on Monday, June 17, beginning at 6 p.m., go into the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$10. Ad space is \$20. Seating for this popular event is limited, and reservations are required. Contact: Misha at (845) 255-4072 or www.NewPaltzGardenClub.org.

Misha Fredericks

Judge's Council

For a Judge's Council meeting, the usual agenda is that each member brings a horticulture entry and is also responsible for a creative design of her choice. Design set-up is in the morning, followed by a business meeting, then lunch.

Lunch is followed by an open critique of each floral arrangement and horticulture entry. Each member receives credit for her entries. These credits are necessary for maintaining our credentials as Master Flower Show Judges.

Members of the Judges Council are always willing to assist clubs with any questions regarding flower arranging classes, flower shows, etc.

Patricia Blundell,
Judge's Council

Blue Star Markers

The Clematis Garden Club has proposed a Blue Star By-Way Marker to be installed in Veterans' Park in Greenville. A plaque has been made and delivered and is currently being attached to a sizable blue stone by the Town of Greenville. The Town will install the marker and stone at the park overlooking a beautiful pond and next to the Veterans' Stone.



The Clematis Garden Club will landscape around the stone, and the formal Blue Star Installation will be held following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. This is the second Blue Star By-Way Marker installed by the club. Shown at left is the installation of the earlier marker.

Jean Horn,
Blue Star Chair

Slugs – Bye Bye!!

Oh these miserable, slimy slugs, hiding under hosta leaves, damp wood or wherever they choose. One day our plants are beautiful - and the next day Swiss cheese. Holes all over or leaves stripped away altogether. This is the handiwork of slugs. Due to the slugs' midnight dining out our gardens need help.

Here are some remedies:

1. Mix 1-2 tablespoons of cornmeal in a jar laid on its side where the slugs are active. They will eat the cornmeal and pass on to slug heaven.
2. Place coffee grounds or broken eggshells around the perimeter of plants. This harms the slugs' underside, and they will not crawl over such areas.
3. Try sprinkling playground sand around young plants.
4. Use caffeine spray (Slug Snub from Garden Robusta) around plants. It repels slugs and also suppresses their appetite.
5. Rent a duck or chicken - slugs are at the top of their menus. Yum, yum!
6. Slugs don't like red-leafed plants.
7. Pine needles are acidic and slugs will avoid areas where they are spread.
8. Try using iron phosphate bait, Barkdust or Escar-Go metaldehyde - all these are harmless and safe to use.
9. Copper stem barriers also deter slugs.
10. Watering in the morning is best, and cut vegetation close to the ground.
11. Always check the bottom of the inside of the pot when purchasing a plant. Slugs will hide there, also in the soil.
12. *Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs* is a great book in which to find ways to control the problems.

Don't waste beer to attract slugs to drown in. Instead, enjoy a cold beer in a nice tall, cold glass, with pizza.

These are a few remedies to try to control slugs in your garden. Good luck, and let me know of your own recipes for getting rid of the uninvited guests in our backyards.

Diana Buchan,
Birds, Bats, Bugs and Butterflies



Awards

COUNTY PRESS BOOK
First Place: Columbia County Garden Clubs

DISTRICT PRESS BOOK
First Place: District III



FGCNYS AWARDS

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Landscape Design at Blue Star Memorial Marker
First Place: Clematis Garden Club.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Second Place: "ABC 123" - Germantown GC
Third Place: "There's Music in the Air" — Pine Plains GC

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

First Place: "ABC 123" — Germantown GC
Honorable Mention: "Down on the Delta" — GC of Kinderhook

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Second Place: GC of Kinderhook



HISTORIC DECORATIONS

Second Place: GC of Kinderhook.
Third Place: Country GC of Clifton Park

CIVIC CONCERN

First Place: Roadside Beautification — Greenbush GC
Second Place: Historical Preservation — GC of Kinderhook
Second Place: Community Gardens — Clematis GC

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Second Place: GC of Clifton Park

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

First Place: Newsletter — Clematis GC
First Place: Newsletter — Greenbush GC
First Place: Cookbook — GC of Kinderhook
First Place: Website — New Paltz GC
First Place: National Garden Week — Columbia County GCs



PRESS BOOKS

First Place: GC of Kinderhook
Second Place — Tie — Clematis and Germantown GCs

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION and NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK AWARDS

Small Club: Second Place - Greenport GC

Medium Club: First Place Central Atlantic Region
and National Garden Clubs - GC of Kinderhook

County Press Book: First Place, National Garden
Clubs Award: Columbia County GCs

District Press Book: First Place: District III

TILE VIOLET S. THORN AWARD:

The club receiving this award has planned, constructed, planted and maintained a garden in Rensselaer County. The project is in its eighth year. Greenbush GC is receiving a First Place Award and a plaque on which the club name is engraved.

YEARBOOK AWARD:

Class I (under 20 members): First Place, Central Atlantic Region and National Garden Clubs - Saugerties Society of Little Gardens.

DISTRICT THREE AWARDS

Director's Awards: Patricia Blundell, Jan Hartmuller, Fran Heaney, Beverly Kallner, Marge Lansing, Audrey C. Mosher, Yetta Teo, Maryann Weber

Patricia Blundell,
Awards

Please notify your District Awards Chairman of your club's intention to apply for awards by September 1.

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 with other clubs. Unlike in print newsletters, there is no prohibitive cost factor for using color. Pictures don't cost extra either, and they can be saved, downloaded and printed whenever you wish. Articles on various gardening and flower arranging topics are also welcome.

Material for *The Digest* should be sent to Maryann Weber, snail mail 2300 Spruce Drive, Valatie NY, 12184; or email junco@fairpoint.net. Unformatted copy and jpeg pictures are easiest to work with, but I'll try to decipher whatever you send - and contact you if I'm stumped.

Some District Three members seem to have trouble accessing this online version of *The Digest*. I'm not sure what the problem is, but perhaps they don't have an Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download from Adobe) on their computers, or some other program that can open PDF files. With that, you simply go to the State website - fgcnys.com - select District III on the home page and then select Digest Online.

Maryann



Tina Lang, Pat LaFountain, Carolyn Beveridge, Gerry Smith, Sue Chiafullo, Cynthia Bogardus Tiano and Lee Albern create fairy gardens to offer at the club's plant sale May 11 on the Kinderhook Village Green.

Two of the miniature habitats they designed for the fashionable little creatures are shown at right.

Coming Up

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| May 16 | Third District Board Meeting, Pegasus, Coxsackie |
| May 18 | Many District Three clubs will have plant sales |
| June 12 | State Executive Board Meeting, FGCNYS Office, Guilderland |
| July 15 | Deadline for August Digest copy |
| Sept. 10-12 | State Fall Conference, Raddison Hotel, Corning |
| Sept. 19 | Third District Board Meeting, site T.B.A. |
| Oct. 17 | Third District Fall Meeting, Birch Hill |

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