



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

The Garden Club of Endwell
www.gardenclubofendwell.org

President's Message:

March weather certainly came in like a lion but the good news is Spring began March 20th! We can now start thinking about our gardens and flower beds.

Despite the snowy weather we were able to hold our first meeting for 2018. Dave Alexander, our Church representative, shared some safety tips with us. They included locking your car in the parking lot. He also reminded us that during the meeting the doors will be locked after we all gather. (you are still able to get out)

We had a wonderful presentation by Jim Dunn on Seed Starting. It was great and despite the snow made you want to go home and start planting! The 2018 Home Show was very successful. Many thanks to Kathy Pruden, our Home Show chairperson this year, and for all those that helped man our booth for the weekend (Kathy, Marshall, Janice Lisa, Maria, Gail and Mike, Muriel and Don, Ed and Marilyn, Cathy , Sharon, and Marsha)! Hope I did not forget anyone! I am honored to be part of a club that is so dedicated and committed to the work it does!

During the Home Show we spoke to almost 200 attendees letting them know who we are and what we are about! We also took the names of 14 who showed an interest in joining our club. We had a beautiful flower basket donated by Suzanne Manley that was won by Ed Mohring. In addition, we had a lovely gift basket donated by Dolores Skoronski that Sharon M. from Binghamton won. She had a smile on her face when I delivered the basket!

I am looking forward to the Annual Federated meeting on April 15-17. So nice it is in Binghamton! Our club will be providing the centerpieces for the Tuesday luncheon. Deadline to register is April 2nd. If interested in attending please call me at 658-9509.

A get well wish goes out to Mary Tucker who had a knee replacement. Mary has graciously accepted to do our Conservation report each month. As you read along you will see her first report which is excellent! Thank you Mary!

Please remember our Burger King Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 24th. This is one of the MAJOR fundraisers this year so we really need to promote!

Happy Spring Everyone!

Susan

This Months Program :

**Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th 6:30pm Endwell Methodist Church:
Program: My Susquehanna Presented by Rick Marsi**

**Refreshments and Meeting Chair: Diane Mulcahy
Tea Table Design: Kathy Pruden**

Refreshment Providers: Lura Baylor, Kathy Pruden, Diane Mulcahy

Please bring refreshments ready to be placed on the table and arrive early to help set up refreshments.

Garden Therapy: Garden Therapy will be held on Monday, April 9th at the Broome West Senior Center at 10:15am.

*Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope,
renewal, and new life...*





Mark Your Calendar

Friday, March 30th—Saturday, April 7th Passover

Sunday, April 1st Happy HAPPY EASTER!

Wednesday, April 4th 6:30pm April Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th April Meeting

Wednesday, April 18th, Garden Clippings Deadline for May issue

April 15, 16th, 17th VI District Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 22nd Earth Day

Tuesday, April 24th Burger King Fundraiser

District News from Tony Antes:

To All:

A friendly reminder -- our FGCNYS Spring Conference, April 15-17 is about one month away.

If you have already sent in your reservations, I thank you!

It will make everyone's task easier with early reservations.

Conservation Report:

April Conservation Report

Prepared by Mary Tucker

The eastern monarch butterfly population has declined 14.8 percent in the past year. This downward trend has resulted in an overall 90 percent decline from the population high just two decades ago. The declines this year are largely attributed to severe hurricanes during monarch migration and unseasonably warm fall weather. Yet monarchs continue to face the loss of their spring and summer breeding habitat in the US, specifically the loss of their only caterpillar host plant, milkweed, and the nectar plants used by adult butterflies.

We can all get involved in saving monarchs. Here are four things we can do today to make a difference:

Plant Milkweed – Milkweed is the only host plant for monarch caterpillars. It is their sole food source. Without it, monarch butterflies cannot complete their life cycle.

Don't Use Pesticides – Insecticides kill monarch butterflies and their caterpillars, and herbicides kill the plants they need to survive.

Create a Wildlife Habitat Garden – Fill your yard or garden with beautiful native plants to offer food, water, cover and places to raise young for monarch butterflies.

Take the Mayors Monarch Pledge – Work to get your city or town's leadership to take the Mayors Monarch Pledge and implement practices that protect monarchs and restore habitat at the community or municipal level.

Information taken from National Wildlife Federation

Vines Events: (more information www.vinesgardens.org/events)

5/24/2018 Composting for Beginners 6pm—7pm Broome county Public Library Binghamton, NY

Cornell Cooperative Extension/Cutler Botanic Gardens Events (more information: www.ccebroomecounty.com)

Learn to Grow Vegetables in Plasticsulture

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come and join the FarmOps program and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County at North Windsor Berries to learn about growing vegetables in plasticsulture/plastic mulch. Professor Steve Reiners, Horticulture Chair of the Cornell University School of Integrated Plant Science at the NY Agriculture Experiment State will be our main presenter \$40 includes 2 registrations, refreshments and lunch Location: North Windsor Berries, Windsor, NY

