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Memoranda Editor: Glenda Pugh

District Director's Message

Anthony R. Antes



In this issue, I'll discuss the two most important events coming up within our VI District of the FGCNYS; namely, the "Great New York State Fair Flower Show" and the Spring of 2018 "FGCNYS Annual Meeting and Conference".

The Flower show this year has as its theme "The Great Outdoors", plainly a wide-open theme. The show this year runs from August 24th through September 4th (Labor Day). The show is divided into three divisions, each with a sub-theme – "Places to Go" - 24th through 27th, "Things to See" - 28th through 31st, and "Something to Do" - September 1st through 4th. Each of these is further divided into classes. There are six classes in the first, ten classes in the second, and ten classes in the third. Classes include vignette, traditional, creative, table, cascade, educational, multi-rhythmic, floor, artistic craft, spatial, youth, and this year, for the first time, photography. So, you see there is something for everyone to enter. Some are invitational only, but most are fully open to anyone. You do not need to be a member of a garden club to enter, so please share this information with your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Each class other than the educational exhibit requires 4 entries. The entry fee is a modest \$10.00 per division. Prizes are awarded to all entrants, to include ribbons and money.

In addition to competing, there is always a great need for volunteers to help make the whole event run smoothly. Judges, clerks, hostesses, are all needed. I'll provide specific contacts for each function through Emails. NOTE: all entrants and volunteers get FREE parking and FREE entrance to the "Great New York State Fair"!

Second, our VI District will be the host for the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State 93rd Annual Meeting and Conference. It will be held in April 2018. Venue and dates have not been determined yet. I am the Chairman of this event, so I will be calling on members from across the state, but primarily from our district, for the support needed to make this a stand-out success. Some of the key positions include Chairs for vendors, table arrangements, hallway designs, favors, aides to the floral designers and distinguished visitors, audio/visual, educational exhibits, Ways n' Means, and many more. I'd also like to solicit your inputs as to what features of our Southern Tier and our district in general will pique the interest of members of our neighboring districts. This will enable us to develop a theme, and gather speakers, workshops, and vendors that will contribute to a successful conference.

So, the VI District 2017 – 2019 Officers, Committee Chairs and I welcome you to our new term of office. I am confident that with your assistance, the VI District of the FGCNYS will enjoy our future together.

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MEMORANDA

By Glenda Pugh
VI District Memoranda Editor

As the Memoranda Editor I look forward to posting the club and committee reports so that we can share gardening ideas, interests, information and knowledge. Should you have any suggestions for future editions –

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Calendar of Events

FGCNYS

NY State Fair – Aug. 24th thru Sept. 4th

VI DISTRICT

FGCNYS Annual Meeting & Conference-April '18

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Annemarie Ramirez

Please send in DUES if you have not done so. We have a few clubs still open in our books. Dues are \$8.00 per member and should be sent with corrected FGCNYS forms (Club presidents receive forms in March) by June 1 to the FGCNYS Treasurer. District dues are only \$2.00 per member per year. Please send to the District Treasurer by April 1st (with membership list)

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BROOME COUNTY

From Linda Vick, County Chair
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BINGHAMTON GC – The members of the Binghamton Garden Club have enjoyed several activities this spring and early summer. Our theme for the year, "Adapting to Change," reflects the many and varied interests and talents of our membership. In April we reunited for our annual spring luncheon at Moxie's Restaurant and enjoyed a presentation on what's trending in trees and shrubs by Casey Kuhlman, nursery manager at Tioga Gardens. In May another information presentation featured Charles Elwee from the Broome County Soil & Water Conservation District. Another gathering involved a trip to the Binghamton University greenhouses. Our own Master Gardener, Elaine Gregory, shared her experiences growing Cucurbits (pumpkins, squashes, cukes.). The seasonal creations group keep their hands busy making centerpieces with succulents, sun catchers from repurposed glass and mandala rock paintings. We are looking forward to many more trips and tours of local horticultural interest and our first annual Mad Hatters Tea Party in September.

CHENANGO BRIDGE GC -March found the CBGC postponing our meeting due to "Stella" and the 35 inches of snow that accompanied her! A week later we were delighted to host Colleen and Henry Lutynski of Lavendel Fields from Apalachin, where we learned a lot of information about growing lavender and its products. April found us making a beautiful spring arrangement with the help of Melissa Wheelock of Cobble Creek Florist of Greene. In May, we were able to learn about the history of Cutler Gardens thanks to Mary Matway of Cooperative Extension and her excellent PowerPoint. Dodging between rain drops we are planting the flower beds at the I-81 Exit 6 ramp on Front St. and at the "Welcome to Chenango Bridge" sign. Our annual picnic will be held in June and we plan a visit to Lavendel Fields at the end of June also. Happy planting!

ENDWELL GC – At our March meeting, our guest speaker was Tony Antes, Master Gardener and Team Leader in Ornamental Grasses at Cutler Botanical Gardens. Tony gave a wonderful presentation on How to Create a Perennial Garden, as only Tony can do!

Our April meeting was a great program, "Deer-50 Ways to Keep Them Away". Our guest speaker, DeWitt Henricks, shared some ideas and ways to keep deer out of flower beds and gardens.

The May meeting featured guest speaker, Elaine Gregory, Master Gardener from Cutler Botanic Gardens and team leader in the herb garden. Elaine showed us a wonderful slide show, explained how we can grow herbs and use them to enhance our food. We are so grateful to all the Master Gardeners from Cutler that share all their time and talent with us.

We also had our first Horticulture display at the meeting with 25 entries. The next horticulture entry display will be at the August meeting.

In May we held our Annual Plant Sale in Endwell. We were grateful to Sticks and Stones in Chenango for supplying our perennials and Schaefer's Gardens for supplying our annuals and hanging baskets which the club has been purchasing from them for our past flower sales. It was a rainy day, but members volunteered their time, donated plants and baked for this event. This was the 12th year anniversary of this sale and our May sale was another great success for the club.

Volunteers have also helped plant in the Endwell Welcome Garden and the Remembrance Garden at Highland Park.

Garden Therapy is held every month at Yesteryears Adult Day Program at the Broome West Senior Center, 2801 Wayne Street, Endwell. Participants create small garden related projects for participants to take home. Several members of the club volunteer to help with this project.

HILL 'n' DALE GC – Our meetings for 2017 began with our annual spring dinner on April 24th. It was a catered affair with our hostesses providing delicious desserts. On May 22nd, member Diane Arnold led us in making a coconut salt scrub for our garden weary hands.

During National Gardening Week, we will be reading the "Frightened Frog" to the preschool children and the Fenton Free Library, planting at the Chenango Bridge Post Office and Project Concern (a local clothing bank).

On June 26, we will have a tour of the Ross Park Zoo Story Garden and in July and August we will be visiting member's gardens. Happy summer everyone! Why does it have to go so fast!?



CHENANGO COUNTY

From Della Ericksen, County Chair
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GREENE GC – Our 19th annual tea was held on May 3rd. The hostesses' tables were cleverly decorated to convey the Birds, Blooms, and Butterflies theme. It is the club's only fundraiser and it was another wonderful and successful event. Proceeds are used for plantings at the parks and the villages hanging baskets.

The June 13th, 7:00 pm meeting at the Methodist Church will be presented by plant enthusiast, Kathy Purdy, of Oxford, NY.

There will be a workshop on June 20th, 6:00 pm at Sticks and Stones on Port Rd., Binghamton to make concrete mushrooms.

The July 11th, 6:00 pm meeting will be a visit to a Koi Pond in Greene.

The club's picnic will be on Aug. 8th, 6:00 pm at the home of our President, Jean Kennicutt. Members will bring a dish to pass. Plans will be discussed for our floral display, held on the ball flats in Greene, on Labor Day. Decorative arrangements will be created in purses. Set up will be on Sept. 3rd at 5:00 pm.

The September 12th meeting will be a program of members sharing their garden travels with photos and stories.

We hope you enjoy the summer as much as we will.

NORWICH GC – No report submitted.

OXFORD GC -No report submitted.

TOWN & COUNTRY of NORWICH GC – No report submitted.

CORTLAND COUNTY

From Judith Heath, County Chair
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HOMER GC – No report submitted.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CORTLAND/HOMER – No report submitted

MADISON COUNTY

From Judy Becker, County Chair
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CAZENOVIA GC - Members enjoyed our Spring luncheon at the Lincklaen House for our April meeting. New officers for 2017-18 were introduced and our beautiful yearbooks were distributed. In May, our meeting's speaker was Steve Chamberlain, PhD., whose topic was "Hosta Obsession: My Favorite Hostas." Mr. Chamberlain is the Scientific Editor for the Journal of the American Hosta Society, volunteer coordinator of the Center for Mineralogy at the NYS

Museum, as well as Chair of the Rochester Mineralogical Society. A retired professor from Syracuse University, he also writes articles for the Eagle Newspapers column, "In the Earth". Steve has grown, hybridized and registered more than 70 new Hostas in his garden!

A committee of club members participated in the Spring clean-up of the Rt. 20 rest stop at the south end of Cazenovia Lake as an April Earth Day project. Club members voted to gift \$5,000 from our treasury toward the purchase of plantings for a new village park, which will feature several sections for families and children to enjoy nature. There will be an emphasis on using natural materials in designing the park. Cazenovia Garden Club was honored on May 23rd with an award presented by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation for our work in the community.

May has been a busy month! Preparations were begun for the annual Spring Plant Sale in Cazenovia, which was held on May 18th and was a great success! It was a beautiful day, weather wise, and members provided assistance to shoppers who requested help in selecting both annuals and hearty perennials grown by members. We appreciate the support of our patrons, and trust that they will enjoy the flowers whose purchase is made possible with the profits from the sale. Members potted perennials, dug last Fall, that spent the winter months in our gardens. Plans were carefully made for the many tubs and baskets of annuals that will beautify the main street in our business district for the summer. The village will be "planted" on June 8th by club members, who will also care for the annuals over the summer months. We greatly appreciate the assistance of the Cazenovia Village staff, who water our plantings on weekdays. Club Members water on weekends as needed.

We are looking forward to hearing from Laura Impellizzeri, President of the Manlius Herb Society, at our June meeting. Her presentation will be, "Everything you ever wanted to know about herbs!" Planting, harvesting, using, and preserving herbs will be discussed.

May you have a great summer, filled with sunshine and just enough rain to keep your gardens happy!

CHITTENANGO GC – No report submitted.

ONONDAGA COUNTY

From Nancy Haswell, County Chair
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HOME GC of SYRACUSE –Home Garden Club members gathered at Trinity Church on April 4th for a program entitled "Cooking with Herbs"- with local Herb Gardener Luana Impellizari. Luana supplied a delicious spread including a Pound Cake with Lavender Icing. She shared her herb infused cordials, and various herb sugars, and herb extracts she uses in her everyday cooking. May remains the busiest Month for our club: On May 2nd, members meet at Zerillo's Greenhouse in East Syracuse. Owner Terri Zerillo and her staff talked about herbs they are growing. Members had an opportunity to plant herbs in a container provided at Zerillo's or their own containers. May 10th Girls Club Inc, members planted pansies for Mother's Day with the help of a couple of Home Garden Club Members. May

13th was a day in remembrance of Donna Pair NGCMJ and former FGCNYS President, and an active Home Garden Club member- the day was a "Celebration fit for a Gardener". Fayetteville Memory Garden is a local project and May and October are the months that Home Garden Club members have helped weed and maintain the lovely garden adjacent to The Fayetteville Senior Center. May 20th was the Annual Home Garden Club Perennial Plant Sale held at Beard Park Fayetteville from 9-12. We have built quite a following- many returning customers! Thank the heavens for this lush, wet Spring – all the plants looked wonderful! June 6th- Members will carpool to the ESF Greenhouses. Have a visit with Terry Ettinger and a walk through the recently rebuilt Greenhouses. July 11, will be a workshop to introduce and encourage members to expand their spatial horizons to create Miniature Designs and Small Designs. Nancy Haswell will talk about the Elements of Design and mechanics involved in creating on a small scale. Discussion will also include the NYS Fair Schedule and Classes of Small Designs. August 1st, takes the group for a garden tour to Diane Bordonni's garden in Dewitt. In August members will be working on entries for the New York State Fair August 24- September 4!

ONONDAGA GC – No report submitted

SKANEATELES GC – Member, Ann Merrill installed our new board at the April meeting; President Anne McElroy, 1st Vice Presidents Sandra Weigel and Gretchen Hamlin, 2nd Vice President, Monta Faye Tuxill, Recording Secretary, Diane Boden, Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Rudl and Treasurer, Cheryl Maier. We had over 100 people attend our luncheon at the Skaneateles Country Club with most of our ladies wearing hats. Our director, Tony Antes was also in attendance. Our speaker was Zubulon Hounslea, hat designer from the PBS series "Downton Abbey". It was a wonderful day!



May took us to Dickman Farms Nursery in Auburn, NY. Retail General Manager, Stephanie Whitehouse informed us of new flower varieties for 2017. We also had a presentation and tour of the green houses.

We are looking forward to our meeting in June, entitled "Yoga for Gardeners". Certified Yoga Instructor and Wellness Educator, Tina Ramsden will join us to demonstrate some easy moves to help prevent injuries and mishaps that might otherwise keep us sidelined.

We hope you all have a safe and happy Summer! Happy Gardening!

If anyone is interested in clerking for the Judges at the 2017 NYS Fair please contact Linda Arthur at lamhba@aol.com - thank you!

SPADE and TROWEL GC- Spring has been a busy season for Spade and Trowel Garden Club. Our speaker in April was Mark Moncavage from Sparrow Flowers and Gardens in Marcellus with a presentation on Therapy Horticulture and inspiration for a new type of garden. In May we braved a thunderstorm to tour the SUNY Environmental Science and

Forestry's Green Houses guided by Terry Ettinger. Our Annual Perennial Sale at the Manlius Village Gazebo Park was very successful with many divisions being offered from our own gardens. Many thanks to our members who volunteered and planted the Village of Manlius street side planters.

SYRACUSE STUDY GROUP - Does not meet regularly. ♦

WOMEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF BALDWINVILLE-



The Baldwinsville Garden club had Fred Wilson visit in March to teach us some techniques about personal safety and how to remain aware of your surroundings.

April was our yearly banquet and officer installation which was held at

the beautiful local Red Mill Inn which is a historic feed mill that was renovated and made into an inn in our village.

May is a busy month for the club. We clean up and weed several village gardens and plant flowers in the village and have both an annual and a perennial plant sale.

At our May meeting we had Bartlett Tree experts Mike Gorham and Greg Portzline talk about tree care and how the weather can affect our trees and diseases that happen and what you can do about it.



New members: Lori Thomas



Treasurer: Pam Cecil

OSWEGO COUNTY

From, Evelyn Baldwin, County Chair
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OSWEGO GC – The Oswego Garden Club started our first meeting of 2017 in April with a covered dish supper and planning meeting. Many ideas were brought forward and we are looking forward to another exiting summer and fall. The May meeting was held at our member's garden center, The Fruit Valley Orchard. It gives us a chance to admire and purchase a wonderful array of plants and flowers. May was also a busy time for our beautification committee. Beside the Hospice Garden we added another site. To help celebrate the Oswego Waterfront Open House we planted flowers for the Maritime Museum.



And May is also the time for our annual plant sale to benefit the Helen Pfaff scholarship. Next we are looking forward to visiting the Galvin Gourmet Mushroom Farm. It should be a new and interesting experience.

OTSEGO COUNTY

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BUTTERNUT VALLEY GC – The Butternut Valley Garden Club is off to a busy club year. Our first meeting of the year held on April 13, was a community service project. The club members met at the Chase nursing home in New Berlin, New York, and had a workshop assisting nursing home residents with seed plantings to prepare for their community gardens they would be planting within the nursing home property.

A collection was taken for the Otsego County Land Trust and the club 2017 year book was distributed.

Our second meeting was a celebration of the 90th year of our club. A luncheon was held on May 18, at D'Vine Times, a quaint, small restaurant in an old historic church in Guilford, New York. The featured speaker was Marguerite Palmer, former history teacher, whose program was titled "news in fashion from the past 90 years." She gave a detailed presentation, illustrating fashion history of the last century using clothing and accessories from different decades worn by members of her own family dating to the 1920's. She also reviewed the history of our nation over the last century including developments in inventions, building of famous landmarks, political leaders and social norms.

Some club members wore hats to commemorate the occasion and several club members were recognized for their years of service to the club with gifts of flowers and plants.

Tony Antes, sixth district director, was in attendance and he surprised club members by announcing that as a special tribute to the club's longevity and dedications he was presenting each member with the gift of club membership for the following year. Needless to say everyone was very surprised and grateful for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

We are very proud of our club and its history in the Butternut Valley

ONEONTA GC – No report submitted

TIOGA COUNTY

From Diane Arthur, County Chair
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APALACHIN GC- April's meeting was an exciting presentation from Casey Kuhlman from Tioga Gardens. Casey spoke to us about the care of house plants and brought several plants to show and many members purchased them for their homes.

The Garden club purchased Prim Roses for the shut-in people in Apalachin for Easter.

The month of May was our dessert and coffee meeting at the Blue Dolphin.

We had our annual plant sale and several of the members helped plant flowers in our community and Hickories Park in Owego.

June is our annual picnic with a dish to pass. The picnic will be held at M&Z Flowers in Owego. Donna and John Waite will provide hotdogs and hamburgers for the

members. Members can make a large planter to take home for \$15.00.

We are off July and August but some of the members water our plants all summer. Meetings will resume again in September.

TOMPKINS COUNTY

From Donna Clark, County Chair
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ITHACA GC- Mother Nature continues to amaze and baffle us. Pam Brown once wrote, "Flowers have a way of tiptoeing into your garden unannounced". I found this to be especially true this spring when two beautiful tulips suddenly appeared, planted by some mysterious "gardener". It is indeed wonderful to be amazed by such unexpected delights.

And so it is with amazement we recognize all the Ithaca Garden Club continues to accomplish month after month and year after year. Because of the Club's donation, on May 5th three lovely weeping willow trees were planted at the city's Stewart Park. We will be amazed as we watch these trees grow and mature. Three days later a meeting was held at the Ithaca Inlet dedicating 15 flowering crabapple trees planted there and funded by our organization.



Recently, the Club voted to fund the planting of 15 crabapple trees each year, at the inlet, until the Club's centennial year in 2022. Imagine the year 2022 and seeing over 100 crabapple trees in full bloom. The Civic Development Committee also has voted to fund another summer internship for a high school student to study and work at the Boyce Thompson Institute. And additional money was approved to add to our Centennial Fund.

The programs have been fun and inspiring these past weeks. Carol Eichler's lecture on her rock garden and other rock gardens was informative and entertaining. The trip to Baker's Acres was enjoyed by all. Attendees heard a presentation on succulent plants and were later able to choose three succulent plants to pot and take home. The Artistic Education committee's program entitled, "In the Mood" was delightful. Seven members created



monochromatic arrangements demonstrating the effect of color on "setting the mood". The last two meetings in June will include a tour of Rick Hedick's garden plus two other gardens, and a presentation on the importance of garden design.



The annual spring luncheon was held on May 17th with the installation of officers for 2017-2019, and a wonderful presentation, covering the history and beauty of the Lotus Flower, by President Nancy Ridenour.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the committee that revised the Club's by-laws. This was a monumental task requiring many hours of work. We express our sincerest thanks to all committee members for a job well done indeed.

In closing, I quote Hans Christian Anderson, "Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower". May you have an amazing summer filled with lots of sunshine, freedom, and many little flowers.

ARBORICULTURE

By Mary Connors
District VI - Chair

"This year in the doldrums of summer, a crowd of nature lovers and scholars will gather on the shores of Walden Pond in honor of Henry David Thoreau, who would be 200 on July 12."

Richard Higgins has written a book about Thoreau called "Thoreau and the Language of Trees." According to Mr. Higgins "Most of us do not see the beauty of trees even though they may be right in front of us." The book is arranged in chapters that resemble trees and quotations from Thoreau's writings. Mr. Higgins says that trees were also "guides and companions to Thoreau's soul." "They were spires, he said, that lifted his vision to 'heaven'." Thoreau saw in trees "life itself in every aspect."

When Ralph Waldo Emerson lost his son to scarlet fever, Henry wrote to his dear friend: "Every blade in the field – every leaf in the forest –lays down its life in its season as beautifully as it was taken up—Dead trees, sere leaves, dried grass and herbs—are not these a good part of our life?"

References: Thoreau and the Language of Trees by Richard Higgins published on April 4, 2017.

The Wall Street Journal April 29-30, 2017 by John Kaag

This book is a must for persons who love to walk in the woods and experience a lift of the spirit.

2017 NEW YORK STATE FAIR VI DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW

By: Joy Coletta
District VI - Chair



THEME: "THE GREAT OUTDOORS"

SHOW ONE: "PLACES TO GO" Aug. 24-27
SHOW TWO: "THINGS TO SEE" Aug. 28-31
SHOW THREE: "SOMETHING TO DO" Sept. 1-4

Come participate in the NYS Fair Artistic Design Flower Show. Three exciting shows have been planned with a wide variety of classes in each. This year we have even included three photography classes, so get out your cameras! Even though it is a "state" fair, VI District presents the shows. First and foremost, in making the shows a success we encourage you to enter. Show chair-man and consultants are available to help you through the process. We also have many positions to fill for the shows to run smoothly. Clubs can help provide hostesses and clerks. It's a great way to see the fair, meet people, learn new things, educate the public and be inspired. You'll be glad you got involved! Download the schedule at: nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter

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NYS FAIR FLOWER SHOW HOSTESSES

Calling all garden club members!

Please come out to Great New York State Fair and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells! While you are there support your district by donating 3 hours of your time to the flower show. It's fun to mingle with the viewers and other garden club members. It is an easy task and you can enjoy the rest of the day at fair! Parking and admission tickets are provided.

Please contact: Evelyn Baldwin, bbaldwi3@twcny.rr.com, tel. 315-256-9049

To give your creativity a jump start, the following is a list of titles! Go online to: nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter

NYS FAIR ARTISTIC FLOWER DESIGN DIVISION

SHOW ONE - "THE GREAT OUTDOORS" - "PLACES TO GO"

SENIOR COMPETITION Aug. 24 -27, 2017

HAWAII - "LUAU" (Club Competition)

MY HOMETOWN - "FABULOUS FESTIVAL" (Novice)

NY, NY - "SIDEWALK CAFÉ"

TEXAS - "CHILI COOK-OFF"

OUTER BANKS - "BEACH COMBING"

GRAND CANYON - "BEYOND THE PRECIPICE" (By Invitation)

SHOW TWO – “THE GREAT OUTDOORS” – “THINGS TO SEE”

SENIOR COMPETITION Aug. 28 –31, 2017
 MAINE LOBSTER FEST – “SEAFOOD FEAST”
 HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FEST – “POSH PICNIC”
 MY GARDEN - “TEATIME”
 CENTRAL NEW YORK MAPLE FESTIVAL - “MAPLE SUGARING”
 MYSTIC SEAPORT REGATTA - “INTO THE BREEZE”
 THE ADIRONDACKS - “OFF THE BEATEN PATH”
 MONTAGE MOUNTAIN CONCERT - “ROCK N ROLL” (By Invitation)

YOUTH COMPETITION Aug. 28-31, 2017
 DISNEY WORLD- “ENTER THE MAGIC KINGDOM”

SHOW TWO – PHOTOGRAPHY Aug. 28 –31, 2017

OUT THE BACKDOOR - “BEES, BUGS, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES”
 IN THE COTTAGE GARDEN - “NATURES BEAUTIES”
 AT THE PARK - “ART IN THE GARDEN”

SHOW THREE – “THE GREAT OUTDOORS” – “SOMETHING TO DO”

SENIOR COMPETITION Sept. 1 - 4, 2017
 PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH COUNTRY - “HARVEST SUPPER”
 FINGER LAKES WINE COUNTRY, “WINE ‘N DINE”
 MALIBU - “FUN IN THE SUN”
 LAKE PLACID – “WINTER WONDERLAND”
 YOUR PATIO - “DANCING UNDER THE STARS”
 KANSAS CITY - “BLUES, BREWS AND BBQ”
 THE GRAND TETON - “HANGING ON” (By Invitation)

BOTANICAL ARTS – ARTISTIC CRAFTS Sept. 1 –4, 2017
 NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS – “MASQUERADE”
 KENTUCKY DERBY - “FASHION PARADE”

This year the Revised 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows was issued by National Garden Clubs, Inc. There are many changes in the new handbook. The format is much more user friendly, but takes some getting used to. Chapter 7

Floral Design
 By Joy Coletta
 Design Chairman

Design lists and defines the attributes of design, the elements of design and the principles of design. Then the different design styles are defined. What we use to call “Traditional Design” is now called “American Traditional Design”. This helps differentiate it from “European Traditional”, and early American Design Styles.


Be aware that some designs have been moved to a new division called “Botanical Arts”. These include 1. “Bonded Designs” -Collage and Plaque, 2. “Hanging Designs” – Traditional or creative such as wreaths, swags, garlands, and mobiles, 3. “Pot-et-fleur”, 4. “Topiary” and 5. “Exploration- Freedom of Style”.

Some new Creative Designs have been introduced in the “Design Division”.

The Cascade Design is one of them. It is a design with an emphasis on downward rhythmic movement, with a minimum of components extending upward. Downward

lines may be curved, straight, zigzag, interrupted or may be a combination. A container or other device supports the design.





Birds and Butterflies
 By Linda Vick
 District VI – Birds/Butterflies Chair



THE AMAZING LUNA MOTH

Member of the Saturniidae Family (Giant Silkworm Moth's)
 A nocturnal moth with a wing span up to 4½ inches. In New York, this moth emerges in the spring. The male and females mate and the female lays 200 or more eggs. Only 1-2 of the eggs survive to be caterpillars. Because these moths do not have mouthparts they die within 2-3 weeks. The caterpillars that survive live in various trees or shrubs, (their host plants). The caterpillars will molt 5 times and become a pupa. (Complete metamorphosis: egg, caterpillar, pupa within a cocoon for the winter, and emerge as an adult moth). As with butterflies, when the moth emerges from the cocoon the wings are crinkled. The moth pumps the wings in order to get them dry and ready for flight. Host plants: deciduous trees and shrubs such as Birch, Sweetgum, nut trees, Elm, Willow and Sumac.

This material and picture was collected by Colleen Wolpert, a friend and nature enthusiast

Historic Preservation

By Audrey Gregory
District VI – Historic Preservation Chair

HISTORIC PRESERVATION... How's your HP IQ? If your club is considering a project with an old garden, a historic garden or a proposed garden, there are four important definitions to remember. **Preservation** implies the maintenance of the resource in its current condition, with nothing being added or subtracted. **Restoration** describes returning the resource to its original condition or to its appearance at a particular period. **Reconstruction** is the act or process of depicting, by means of new construction, the form, features, and detailing of a deteriorating site. An example might be the reconstruction of the layout of a lost vegetable garden. **Rehabilitation** is the process of making possible a compatible use of a property through repair, alterations or additions while preserving those portions or features that convey its historical, cultural, or architectural value. An example might be the addition of a walkway. Whatever the definition, consider the possibilities in your community and add a new dimension to your club's life.



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