



GROWING TOGETHER

Plantation Lakes Garden Club, P. O. Box 904, Millsboro, Delaware 19966

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Thank you!

May Hostesses Tina Latshaw, Gerri Williams and their husbands, who helped set up the room for our Flower Show "dress rehearsal."

Floral Design Exhibitors. Jan Pallas-Dudley, Laurie Walsh and Gerri Williams who will create a design using exhibitors choice of fresh flowers and greens, not to exceed 15" high or wide; view from all sides.

Special Meeting Date

Our June business meeting will be held at the Plantation Lakes Community Center on **Friday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m.** because there will be no time or place available on the day of our field trip. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This will be a very important meeting because we need to debrief about our flower show, talk about programming priorities for the next September-June garden club year, the nomination process for choosing new officers for installation next April, and membership growth or limits. It will be short because the program won't be until our usual meeting day, June 6.

Plant Sale

Today is the deadline for plant sale pre-orders, and we sincerely hope that every member will pre-order at least one or two plants.

When you pick up your plants, you may be pleasantly surprised at the selection of craft items made by our members to sell at the plant sale, so don't forget to bring your check book, just in case.

Why not treat yourself to your choice of a Mother's Day gift?!?



It's Showtime!

Welcome to our May garden club meeting, a "dress rehearsal" for our flower show. The following Flower Show Committee Members will briefly explain the role of their committee:

- Margaret Woda, Schedule Chair - "Celebrate Spring"
- Betty Baeschlin, Staging Chair
- Pat Kircher, Horticulture Entries and Placement Chair - Division I "Gifts from the Garden"
- Jan Pallas-Dudley, Design Entries Chair - Division II "Spring Celebrations," Section A "Friends, Families, Flowers"
- Marie Van Der Wall, Clerks Chair - Assisting the judges
- Mary Williford, Awards Chair - Helping us comply so we are eligible for awards as individuals and as a club.

Following their presentations, members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

The goal of this program is to take away any "fear of the unknown" regarding flower shows, since this is our first flower show and some of our members have little or no experience with flower show participation (or even attendance).

Hopefully we will have 100% participation in Horticulture. That means at least one potted plant, terrarium, branch, bulb, etc. - no matter how bad you think it is. Remember, our goal is participation, not perfection!

President's Report

DFGC MEETING - Your President and 1st Vice-President attended the DFGC 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration last month. Marie Van Der Wall accepted a certificate acknowledging our gift to TREEMendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens, honoring our members, and I received a Special President's Award for designing and maintaining a "world class website" for the Delaware Federaton of Gardne Clubs. "Designs through the Decades" by members of the Delaware Judge's Council were absolutely fabulous, and you can see them all on the Delaware Garden Clubs Facebook Page. DFGC President Lisa Arni accepted a Governor's Tribute recognizing the organization for our 60 years of service. The text of that tribute is in the article that I submitted to both the CAR-SGC newsletter and the DFGC newsletter.

DELAWARE BOTANIC GARDENS - Our presentation to the community by Janet Point, promoting Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek was very well received by the community. I literally turned away people when we reached sign-up of 49 people. I asked for a show of hands whether they would be interested in a follow-up presentation in Fall for an update by Gregg Tepper, Lead Horticulturist, and most seemed interested. I think we should schedule this asap.

My husband and I will be attending *Sip and Saunter* at the Delaware Botanic Gardens on Friday. They are still accepting reservations if anyone else would like to attend. Also, the spring planting is taking place now and through next week. Please volunteer for a day!

NGC CONVENTION - I will also be attending the NGC Convention in Philadelphia in May. They are still accepting registrations for this, as well.

Some of you may know that I am building the website for Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, and I would appreciate your feedback when it goes public in a few days. That means typos, questions, etc.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Many thanks to committee chairs who turned in your annual reports for your committee. We received annual reports from several of you, but not all. It is very important to have them for the next committee chair (and chairs) that follow you. If you have not turned in your annual report, please send it to me and/or Mary Williford. We need to attach them to the April Minutes.

THANK YOU to the many flower show volunteers, plant sale volunteers, and all the members who have supported these efforts. Many thanks also to the hostesses, floral design and horticulture exhibitors and various committee chairs and members. I could never have imagined what a fun, involved, and interesting group of friends I would have the honor of knowing in this garden club!