



# GROWING TOGETHER

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

A Member of National Garden Clubs, Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, and Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

## Thank you

Hostesses Gale Harley, Fran Lauve and Laurie Walsh.

## February Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Mary Balasi (7), Kayla Maxwell (15), Sylvia Heidbreder (16) and Fran Lauve (17).

## Love Blooms in Millsboro

Margaret Woda, Jan Pallas-Dudley and Kayla Maxwell will exhibit a creative line design that celebrates Valentine's Day, using fresh or dried plant material not to exceed 18" in height, width or depth. Underlay and one accessory are permitted. Design is to be viewed from the front only.

## Invite your Friends...

March 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - Native Plants for Native Birds, presented by Gregg Tepper, Director of Horticulture at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek (DBG) Tickets are \$15, including an Honorarium for the speaker and a donation to DBG. Details and tickets on our website under the EVENTS tab.

## May Day Field Trip

Make your reservations online today at [PlantationLakesGardenClub.org/field-trip](http://PlantationLakesGardenClub.org/field-trip).

Members, guests, neighbors and members of other DFGC garden clubs are invited, and we already have about a dozen paid members of Barefoot Gardeners in Fenwick. When we have 35 reservations, we can make a decision on what size bus to reserve.



## WELCOME EDDIE AND GAYE!

Growing culinary herbs is easy and fun, and the results are nutritious and delicious. Sussex County Master Gardeners Eddie Filemyr and Gaye Mara will share with us their six steps for designing and building an herb garden. The rest is up to us!

## BIRTH FLOWER FOR FEBRUARY

You might expect the Birth Flower for February to be red roses or carnations, given the focus on Valentine's Day, but it's actually the IRIS.

The IRIS dates back to Ancient Greek times when the Greek Goddess Iris, messenger for the gods, acted as the link between heaven and earth. There are over 200 variety of Iris around the world in a rainbow of colors, but blue, yellow, and white are the most popular.

If you were born in February, you will be happy to know that your birth flower signifies faith, hope, wisdom, courage, and admiration.

## MARCH MEETING

This is a meeting you don't want to miss! In addition to voting on our budget for the upcoming year and voting on a new Executive Board, we can look forward to having Judy Pfister as our program presenter on the topic of Rain Barrels.

## Think Ahead to 2020...

Delaware will host the 2020 CAR-SGC Conference, a gathering of garden club members from the seven states that comprise the region: Delaware, Maryland, National Capital Area (D.C.) New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Each State hosts the October event once every 7 years, and it will be our turn then.

I never attended one because I looked at the agenda and didn't see anything for me, a little old member. For that reason, we plan to make this a members' event, not just a VIP tradition. When I say "WE" I refer to Conference Chair Oksana Hoey of Saltaire Garden Club in Ocean View and me as the Vice-Chair.

Every one of the 24 garden clubs in Delaware will have a role in planning and conducting this event, and our two clubs - Saltaire and Plantation Lakes - will have first pick of the many options. Here are some of the possibilities, and I'm sure there will be more.

- Create centerpieces for about 12-15 tables for one of four meals during the two-day program - Depending on the design they can be made or partially made wherever the designing club decides and delivered on the day of the event OR made entirely in a workroom at the event.
- Serve as hostesses/greeters for one of four meals during the two day program
- Assist the registrar by taking shifts at the registration table to check-in people.
- Create name tags for attendees or place cards for the meals in the weeks preceding the event
- Chair a committee with help from the club. (details to follow)
- Create an educational display to represent Delaware - perhaps on Delaware Botanic Gardens and the various Dupont estates in Delaware.
- Assist Debbie Darr with preparing goody bags for attendees. (Thank you, Debbie!)
- Serve as "pages" - i.e., runners for things that are needed by the VIPS, such as NGC President or the committees.

Mary and I are attending an event this coming week at Bethany Blues to learn how to make terrariums with sand and air plants, thinking that could be a good centerpiece for one of the meals. If you would like to go with us, we found it as an event on Facebook. If you can't find it there, let us know. That is something that could be made in advance and delivered there - a lot less hectic than designing something the day of or before.

Keep this in mind over the next year and let us know if you hear a fabulous speaker that you think would be good for a Conference Program... if you see a stunning and EASY to reproduce centerpiece... if you see handouts that might be appropriate for goodie bags...

Lots to do, but 750 members statewide to help!