



DFGC 2019 Newsletter



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Two weeks after my April installation I was on my way to Biloxi, Mississippi. I was honored to represent Delaware at the National Garden Clubs Convention. Our National President, Gay Austin, is a resident of Mississippi. She graciously welcomed us to her state and told us about her life's journey and the role that garden club has played. I was excited to meet the President and to invite her to the first state. She accepted! We are looking forward to her visit to Delaware in November. Save the date-Wednesday, November 20, 2019!



Connie and Gay

September has always been one of my favorite months. It represents new beginnings. The carefree, lazy days of summer are just a memory. It's time to get back to work. For many of our garden clubs it is the first meeting of the year. Time to distribute new yearbooks, review the plans and goals for the year, and greet our dear friends. Garden Club should be fun and enjoyable! Our members should look forward to attending our meetings. In the thirty years since I joined Potpourri Garden Club I have only missed 2 meetings. I always want to be there and always schedule the meetings on my calendar. In addition to enjoying our clubs we also address important issues and we serve an important role in our community and state.

My President's project for the next two years is "Dedicated to Delaware". As a native Delawarean I appreciate the many wonderful attributes of our state. As students in third grade we took a field trip to Dover to visit the John Dickinson Plantation and the Delaware State Museum. In the fourth grade we studied Delaware history. Many of you have adopted Delaware as your home. Delaware offers more than beaches, racetracks, and tax free shopping. We have a rich history to share. With beautiful gardens at Winterthur and Nemours and now the latest gem, Delaware Botanic Garden, which we have partnered with for the past 2 years, we offer a "gardener's paradise."

Through my project we will continue to partner with other agencies. "First State Heritage Park" is Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries" linking historic and cultural sites in Dover, the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777. The sites of the park highlight Delaware's role as "first state". The First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries, located within the Delaware Public Archives Building adjacent to Legislative Hall, serves as an entrance portal to Delaware's capital and the historic city of Dover. The center is ideally situated with easy highway access and plentiful parking. Visitor services include self-guided tours of the center's exhibits, and extensive information on local and statewide attractions, events, and activities." The entrance garden at the Welcome Center is viewed by approximately 2500 visitors per month.

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Beautifying the garden will give Delaware garden clubs a visual presence. A kiosk inside will give visitors our website and membership information. Gardeners creating gardens and growing membership.

Our second partnership is with Kent County Parks and Recreation. Kent County's flagship community park is just south of Dover. This 86 acre park includes an historic home dating back to the 1700s, ample parking, pavilions, more than a mile of nature trails, a "one of a kind" playground called Piccadilly Castle, a Nature Center with a naturalist, and a Native Plant/ Butterfly Garden. The garden is in need of plants and child appealing enhancements. It includes pathways, fences, a water feature, an accessible raised bed, a milkweed meadow for butterflies, a grapevine pergola, and butterfly houses. With our assistance it could become a children's garden that will appeal to all ages! These projects carry out the National Garden Clubs "Plant America" theme. I hope your clubs will support these important projects. You will find an application for your Club to donate to this important project on page 18 and also on the DFGC Website.

Wishing you a wonderful Garden Year!
Connie

ISABEL HWANG WINS FIRST PLACE IN HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST



Isabel Hwang, a very bright and busy high school junior at St. Andrews in Delaware, won big. She entered the National Gardening Clubs' youth contest for high school essay. The theme is determined by NGC and the essay is limited to 600 to 700 words. Her theme was "The Detriments of Bottled Water." Isabel wrote a very well-written and researched essay. She won first place in the state of Delaware, first place in the regionals (CAR-SGC), and first place at the national level (NGC). She also received a \$1,000 scholarship from NGC for first place. You can read her winning essay on the DFGC website.

Submitted by Barbara Boyce

2018-2019 NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs received 83 award applications from 14 of our Clubs. These applications describe the many community projects which happened in 2018-2019 in Delaware.

From our First place State winners we received National recognition at the NGC Convention in Biloxi April, 2019 as follows:

NGC – First Place – MP-3 Social Media/Website – Gardeners By the Sea
NGC – Ames Tool Grant – Spade & Trowel Garden Club
NGC – First Place – MP-2-Decoration of a Historic Building – Spade & Trowel
NGC – First Place – High School Essay – Isabel Hwang – Middletown/Odessa - \$1,000
CAR – First Place – High School Essay – Isabel Hwang – Middletown/Odessa
NGC – First Place – Certificate of Commendation – Yearbook Award YB-I – Plantation Lakes GC
NGC – First Place – Certificate of Commendation – Yearbook Award YB-I – Barefoot Gardeners
NGC – Certificate of Appreciation – Pub#1-2CI, Newsletter – The DFGC Newsletter (State Award)



Lisa Arni

Delaware Garden Clubs should be proud of all the great outreach community projects that were accomplished.

Submitted by Maureen Eisenhart

MEMORIAL GARDENS FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

The Memorial Garden at the Center for Families of the Fallen is an ongoing project of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. The Memorial Garden is an entity of the Campus for the Facilities of the Fallen, located on Dover Air Force Base and the Campus was dedicated by Former Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Norton A. Schwartz on January 6, 2010.



Since Dover Air Force Base is the nations' only stateside military mortuary, all military casualties outside the United States are transported to Dover and prepared for burial. In 2009 the Department of Defense enacted a new policy of paying travel expenses for immediate family members who want to be present for the dignified transfer of their loved one. This new facility was dedicated and called the Center for Families of the Fallen but lacked a therapeutic garden space for the visiting families that would be peaceful and private.

This did not go unnoticed by Alice Witterholt, President of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. She approached the Air Force and they offered to donate an enclosed garden at the Center. Her vision was to create a carefully landscaped area to comfort the visiting families that would incorporate principles common to healing gardens and restorative landscapes in health care settings. The goal of a healing garden is to make people feel safe, less stressed, and more comfortable.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated on May 31, 2011 in honor and memory of all the heroes and their families who have given so much in service to our country. The ceremony also included a presentation of the new Blue Star Memorial Marker, symbolizing all men and women, who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Memorial Garden is for use exclusively by visiting families to provide a peaceful and private landscaped area while they await the return of their fallen service member.

The Federation of Garden Clubs members are proud of the ongoing maintenance that our volunteers provide, our gift to the families of the fallen.

Submitted by Debbie Rouse

DFGC GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2019

PROGRAM: "The Landscape Project at NGC Headquarters" St Louis, Mo.

Gay will present a Power Point Program which will include the dedication of the newly renovated landscape at NGC Headquarters. The NGC headquarters is located on several acres that adjoin the Missouri Botanical Gardens. There will also be a Floral Tribute Assembled and dedicated to Gay Austin.

PRESENTER: Gay Austin, National Garden Club President, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, NGC Flower Show Schools Horticulture Instructor and an active master gardener

LOCATION: The Outlook at Duncan Center 500 Lookerman Street, Dover, DE 19904
Host Club: Spade and Trowel Garden Club

REGISTRAR: Barbara Fletcher 24332 Shufelt Road, Seaford, DE 19973
(302) 629-4778 dfgcregistrar@gmail.com

DEADLINE: Friday, November 8, 2019



Gay Austin



Come Together In Delaware

To Plant, Protect, Create, Learn, Network

October 18-20, 2020

for the

2020 CAR-SGC Conference

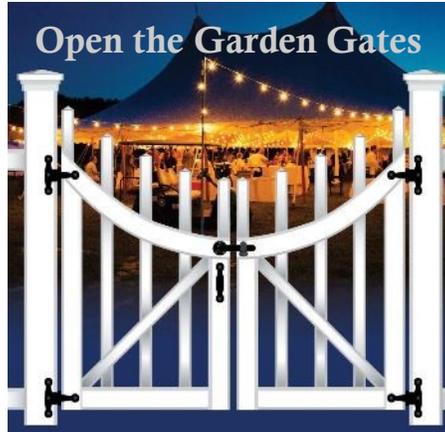
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

1131 North Dupont Highway
Dover, Delaware

- Conference Registration begins May 2020
- Hotel Reservations begin January 2020
- Conference updates on the CAR-SGC.org website as speakers and schedule are confirmed



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*Opening Week Schedule
 Monday, September 16
 10 am Special Guided Tour of Gardens
 11:30 am Release of Ladybugs at Welcome Center
 Tuesday, September 17
 10 am Special Guided Tour of Gardens
 Wednesday, September 18
 10 am Lecture at Dogfish Head Learning Garden
 “Brian Trader on DBG’s Education Mission
 11:30 Lecture at the Welcome Center
 Ray Sander on the creation of the Botanic Gardens
 Thursday, September 19
 9 am - 3 pm Grand Opening
 10 am Special Guided Tour of Gardens
 1 pm Ribbon Cutting with Partners: Chambers of Commerce, Southern Delaware Tourism, businesses and dignitaries*

The much-awaited opening of the Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek was a sell out. Several of our Delaware Federation of Garden Club members were in attendance. It was a memorable occasion as many who attended had supported this garden when it was just a thought and a rough plan. This garden has certainly transformed from the 37 acre soy bean field and the plantings are looking much more mature than just a couple of years ago. The foresight of Piet Oudolf is a wonderfully textured vision even this late in the season. The new DBG Director of Horticulture, Brian Trader, is well versed from his prior employment at Longwood Gardens and seems eager to continue to enhance this Sussex County gem.

The dinner was delicious but the torrential rains during our first course was a bit of a surprise. However, the glow of the meadow after the rain was a very magical sight. During the program, Sheryl Swed said the following about our Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs TREE-mendous TREE planting at the Delaware Botanic Garden; “We thank Lisa Arni and the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs for creating the Tree-mendous Tree planting Project which supports the donation of trees for DBG plantings in the woodlands, a project that is alive and well and much appreciated. Thank you, Lisa.”

The Delaware Botanic Gardens is open this coming week with many activities planed along with guided tours. Can you just imagine what one more year of growth will do! After dinner, a challenge was issued by Ron Bass and George Robbins to match their \$75,000 donation. The challenge was met and exceeded to \$154,000. This National Garden Club award winning project is one we can all be proud of as we continue to support the DBG and congratulate all who have volunteered from our Delaware Garden Clubs to make this dream a reality.

Good Job DFGC members!



This is what happens when gardeners ask for more rain for their flowers and plants.





BAREFOOT GARDENERS



The Barefoot Gardeners “hit the ground running” to reconvene for our first meeting in May. Our first meeting welcomed our newly elected President Debbie Micsky and Second Vice President Colleen Wilson. Congratulations to four of our members on receiving Life Membership Certificates and pins into the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. Those members are Jeannie Nedwick, Norma Yori, Lois Twilley and Janet Hess!

While many were still out of town for the winter, our club participated once again in the Adopt-A-Beach cleanup along the beaches of Fenwick Island. April 20th was rainy, cold day and turnout was limited, but we did manage to get out and help the Town of Fenwick.

Our Club held it’s annual Plant Sale which took place on Mother’s Day weekend. Located in the heart of Fenwick Island, our sale is the locals “go to” for spring plantings and this year was no different. A huge thank you to Karen Dudley, Elayne Chulis and Vivian Jennings for their time and talent making this years Plant Sale a huge success!



Our newly elected President Debbie Micsky and Judy Dayhoff attended the June meeting of the DFGC and returned home with several awards both on the State and National level. The Barefoot Gardeners received second place for the President’s Standard of Excellence Award and Public Education. First place for Birds and Butterflies, Civic Achievement, Conservation and Yearbook. Second Place was awarded for Public Education. Our yearbook also won first place from the National Garden Club. Job “well-done” Barefoot Gardeners!



Each Wednesday in July our Youth Committee holds Storytime in the Park. One of our most successful programs of summer and enjoyed by many of our local and visiting children. This July the many programs included a visit from the Assateague State Park Ranger who traveled to see us with many of the their rescued animals. Other activities included the lifecycle of the butterfly, beach safety, readings about butterflies and gardening, learning and making caterpillar habitats and collecting and tasting vegetables grown in the town garden.

Thank you to the entire Youth Committee for another terrific summer program!

Happy Gardening From The Barefoot Gardeners!

COASTAL GARDENERS



In May, CG began a project with the Delaware State Seashore Park at Tower Road Parking fee booth. We cleaned and planted perennials. We continued to maintain the area through the summer and now fall with watering scheduled and performed by faithful members of the club. The area looks great now and we're sure all visitors have noticed.

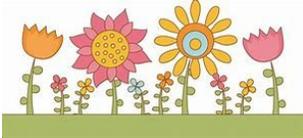
In June, CG added some perennial plantings to Dagsboro Town Hall to improve the appearance of downtown Dagsboro as more traffic is anticipated with the grand opening of the Delaware Botanic gardens this fall. We shared the watering with the town's maintenance person.



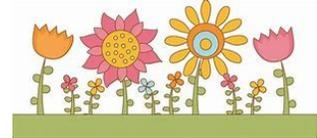
In July, 11 of our members hosted a, Smell the Roses, Taste the Rosé Party for our group. There was great entertainment and delicious food! A real success!

Also in July, CG hosted a home on the Annual Beach & Bay Cottage Tour to help support the Friends of the South Coastal Library. They provide funding for many local community services.





COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB



This past Spring, Countryside Garden Club members with experience and members new to entering flower shows entered “A Gardener’s Notebook” Horticultural Show at the Delaware Federation of Garden Club Meeting. All members attending - Barbara Boyce, Pat Boyd, Ginny Cardona, Marybeth Johns, Hiro Kizuka, Brenda Krammes, Patti McCarter, Kathleen Morrison and Kathe Worrell won First Place Ribbons. In addition, our club won the most Blue Ribbons, won the most Ribbons overall and we were recognized for having the highest number of members participating in the show. Needless to say, we were excited and pleased, especially those of us who have never received a ribbon before!



Starting off the year this month, our club will receive a lesson in the history of the Hockessin community by the Historical Society (HHS) on Tweed’s Tavern and their participation in the underground railroad. Recently, the HHS planted an American Holly tree in front of the Tavern. We have scheduled a regular watering schedule and have now begun the task of helping this beautiful tree establish its roots.

GARDEN GATE GARDEN CLUB

Tailgate Tag Sale

OCT
5



Christ Church Parking Lot

9 a.m. - Noon

OUTSIDE: Tag sale Treasures. INSIDE: plants, seasonal wreaths and table designs, garden gurus, and more!

Sales support **Garden Gate Garden Club's Fundraiser** for local charities and projects.

Refreshments available

505 E BUCK ROAD, GREENVILLE, DE 19807

Garden Gate Garden Club held a wreath making workshop at Suzanne Smith's home in August. The club members enjoyed a lovely day sharing lunch and making wreaths to support the upcoming "Tailgate Treasures" fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on October 5, 2019 from 9 A.M. until Noon at Christ Church. Please join us for a tag sale, plant and wreath sale, garden advice and more!



Trip to Mt. Cuba - Hockessin, DE

On May 1st, we toured the Piedmont in Mt. Cuba and the man-made pond that had a waterfall effect, which was continuously recycling without hearing a sound. There was abundance of Trillium and many shade loving plants. The most amazing fact is that there are predominantly native plants there. At one time they had daffodils planted. Ellen Dowling, one of our club members, was a volunteer there at that time and was one of many who had to dig up all of those daffodils. Our weather was chilly but we still enjoyed the grounds. In fact, I for one, enjoyed the foliage much more without the strong sun. Later we all sat for our boxed lunches which were delicious. On our return trip, we did our 50/50 and also raffled off a succulent planter.



Dine & Donate at Northeast Seafood Restaurant on Rte. 26 - May 9, 2019

We packed the restaurant and had great food and drink and enjoyed each other's company. Jean Sewald brought her Golf Club friends to help us raise more money. We had a 50/50 and also raffled a galvanized steel flower caddy filled with fresh flowers, wine, succulents, and garden tools

Beach & Bay Cottage Tour – July 24 & 25, 2019

Once again our club hosted a house on the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour on July 24th. This cottage tour benefits the South Coastal Library located in Bethany Beach, DE. The Gardeners by the Sea hosted a lovely small house in Bethany West, full of charm and outdoor living spaces. . The club has supported this event for many years. We held a “Thank You” luncheon for Alva Hutchinson, our coordinator, who did a fantastic job. The photo to the right includes some of the hostesses who helped out at the house.





Middletown-Odesa Garden Club's Crop Swap for the last two years was such a huge success that we hosted it again this summer. It is a successful community-wide project now in its third year. Local gardeners are asked to bring their surplus vegetables, flowers and plants to exchange with others every two weeks during the summer at the Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library in Odessa.



Native Plant Garden at Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library

Club members have planted sun and shade beds and an entrance garden at the library featuring native plants. Large areas of invasive species have been removed and a bird bath and water dripper installed. We applied for certification as National Wildlife Federation wildlife habitat. The project is a cooperative effort between MOGC, the Delaware Native Plant Exchange FaceBook group and the Library. Five to ten MOGC members participate, along with members of the FaceBook group and student volunteers from Middletown High School. The project has been self-supporting to date with donations of plants and money raised from the sale of "Plant Native" bumper stickers.



In addition to continuously maintaining the Middletown Pocket Park, Corbit Sharp Gardens and Middletown's Cochran Square, our members are helping to build park benches... By recycling the hard plastic screw tops from water and juice bottles, peanut butter and mayonnaise jars, medicine and prescription containers, etc. These items are collected at our monthly meetings for the MOGC recycling project. Together, we can make a difference!





MAY DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

May 1st



Members from Gardeners by the Sea and Barefoot Gardeners joined PLGC members for a May basket excursion through historic Annapolis. Many of us walked the streets to view beautiful, clever, and creative May baskets; some of our members added a side excursion to the Naval Academy. The smiles show it all ... we had a great day! Bus driver Drew was awesome.



May Day at Home
Most PLGC members displayed a basket of fresh flowers OR an arrangement of live plants for our 3rd Annual May Day event. Betty Baeschlin did the demo.



Caught by photographers as they toured the neighborhood viewing May Day Baskets are Magnolia residents Gerri Williams, Gale Harley, Joanne Strasser, & Brenda Joyce.



Valentine's Day at the Atlantic Shores was a little more special thanks to PLGC members, led by Chair Mary Balasi. This garden therapy project encouraged each participant to create a floral arrangement for their room, with a helping hand from one of our members. When the weather got warm, several energetic gardeners tackled the Spring clean up of the outdoor patient gardens. Atlantic Shores residents are enjoying the beauty of flowers indoors and out due to the efforts of a terrific group of volunteers.



POTPOURRI GARDEN CLUB



The Potpourri Garden Club of Dover, our club objectives are:

- to provide for the education of its members in the areas of horticulture, landscaping, flower arranging, birds, and conservation;
- to encourage a greater appreciation for the natural countryside; and
- to develop a greater sense of pride in our home grounds and environment.



GARDEN THERAPY AT DOVER PLACE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY



YOUTH PROGRAM AT POSTLEWAIT MIDDLE SCHOOL



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

DECORATING DICKINSON FOR HOLIDAYS

DECORATING WOODBURN FOR OLD DOVER DAYS



The **Salt Air Gardeners** believe in giving back



to the community and acting as stewards of the environment. In addition to our community projects, upcoming activities include a sunset cruise; presentation on how to organize

a flower show; tour of the Delaware Botanic Gardens; creating boxwood centerpieces and our annual holiday party.

Here are updates on a few of our community projects:

Bethany Fenwick Chamber of Commerce



Work continues to improve and maintain garden areas using native plant material. Informational signs were placed in the garden. Future work may include refurbishing and redesigning the beds on the north side of the building.

Barbara K. Brooks Transition House

Our vision is to teach the basics of vegetable gardening to young women. This year the garden plot was expanded, and the women are thrilled to be picking their own fruits and vegetables. A butterfly bush and crepe myrtle were planted in their memorial garden.

Indian River Life Saving Station



In June of 2019, our team received news that our project received the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife certification.

A native plant brochure was

created and is available for visitors to the station. The team also spruced up the beds and rain garden by pruning, weeding, replacing plants and adding pine straw.

The most recent stage involved improving the appearance along the left side of the gift shop. The weeds, overgrown vines and unattractive AC units were detracting from the landscaping. Planting should begin in the fall.

Habitat for Humanity

Members landscaped the front yard of a proud new Habitat for Humanity family in Ellendale, DE. This included planting several flowerbeds, adding stones, and large paver steps.

Bay Forest Community



This renovation project was completed at the center of a rotary that had not been maintained for

years. Many plants were trimmed, thinned, removed or relocated. A 30x5-foot raised bed was created and planted with a mix of perennials and annuals.



SILVER PINE GARDEN CLUB



**Silver Pine Club had a successful FUNDRAISER last December 1, making and selling Holiday cemetery pots and mounds. We sponsored an indoor flea market at a club member's church, rented tables for \$15 each and featured the Cemetery Decorations we made, raising over \$700 in a single day! Advertising was key to attendance!

Many decorations were made with recycled poinsettias, pinecones, bows, etc. from member's stashes and Goodwill donations. Fresh greens and some new items rounded them out. By recycling, we kept our costs down, cleaned out our stashes, prevented used items from going to the landfill after only a few weeks on a grave, and saved money for our customers! The project was a hit and we have been asked if we plan to make it an annual event! (Still To Be Determined!)



We recommend this project for your November meetings to make the decorations and then sell them in December! Easy and Lucrative one day event~

◀ Some of the many Grave Decorations

**NEW Dover Brecknock Children's Garden Plan

Connie Raymond has designated the Dover Children's Garden as part of her President's project these next 2 years. Silver Pine's president, Marge Kafader, is honored to play a part in the new design. We are hoping that all the clubs in the state will participate in some creative way to rejuvenate this space and transform it into a fabulous, colorful, interactive group of connected smaller gardens that inspire children to see the possibilities of how fun gardens can be!

Plans currently include a shade and fairy garden; water garden feature; butterfly meadow garden; "recycled" farm garden; Raised flower "Bed" and other kid-focused surprises! We hope to include all the sensestings to see, touch and smell, music and wind chimes, and spinning accents to capture the wind and MORE!! More information to come as plans are finalized.

Please begin sending in your donations of \$5 (or more) per club member! We are excited to partner with the Kent county folks to re-create this amazing space!! Let's all be "Dedicated to Delaware!" and inspire those future garden clubbers!





SPADE & TROWEL GARDEN CLUB

The Spade & Trowel Garden Club is back in full swing with new officers who were sworn in by DFGC President Connie Raymond at the club's annual picnic in June.

Spade & Trowel's new officers are: President Sharon Christopher, left, Vice President Mary Lynn Huberty, Recording Secretary Sandy Blackwell, Corresponding Secretary Susan McCoy and Treasurer Barbara Fletcher.



At meetings this year, in order to get more practice for flower shows, members will enter monthly designs and horticulture according to a schedule for the entire year. At left is one of the first place designs from September in a class called "Welcome Back."

On Sept. 13, the long-delayed planting of a Serenity Garden at Teen Challenge's Home of Home in Bridgeville is scheduled. Tools donated by the National Garden Club and the Ames Company will be formally presented to the students at Home of Home, who will help with planting.

Several trips are planned for the year, including a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show March 5. If there is enough interest, a bus will be hired for a trip to the Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show in Baltimore in January.

Also in March the club will hold a "Design and Dine" fund-raiser lunch with two speakers on creating designs. The event will be held March 25 at the new Ross Station at the Gov. Ross Plantation in Seaford.

The club is eagerly anticipating the arrival of its annual order of fresh-picked pecans direct from the grower in Georgia, which will be sold at \$12 a pound. The annual greens sale has been moved to the Ross Station which should make pick-up more convenient for customers. Two days of creating centerpieces, wreaths, swags and cemetery mounds are a lot of work but are great fun!

Our own Zeeger de Wilde, who immigrated from the Netherlands via Canada in 1968 will be the speaker at our October meeting. Trained in horticulture, for six months he supervised 800 employees preparing for the Centennial Celebration in Montreal. He and Dorothy were married in 1972. He then opened his own business which he had for 40 years. He has received awards for his work and for his volunteer activities. His topic will be "Biography of a Successful Gardener."



SUSSEX GARDENERS



Sussex Gardeners and friends enjoyed a docent-led tour of Mt Cuba Center May 2nd. Participants enjoyed the stunning views of the Piedmont hills from the shaded terrace. Finding blue dogbane and trillium in bloom was a lovely surprise!



Sussex Gardeners listened attentively at a recent monthly meeting as Jim Passwater, owner of Sussex Landscaping, shared his extensive knowledge of plants native to coastal Delaware.

Members took advantage of an invitation to visit his nursery located in Georgetown. A group of happy shoppers enjoyed lunch at the Counting House (in the Brick Hotel on the Circle) before returning home.

The 10th Annual Tulip Celebration took place in Lewes April 5 to the 13th. Dutch heritage and historic preservation are highlighted. Events held at the Zwaanendael Museum included floral arrangements using Dutch Delft blue pottery and an informative educational display by Sussex Gardeners. Arrangements were replaced mid-celebration, allowing more members to participate and to provide a variety of interesting tulips.





Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs “Dedicated to Delaware”

President's Project 2019-2021
Garden Clubs Creating Gardens!

Our members have the opportunity to develop the first public, free admission Children's Garden in Delaware! Our children are our future club members and the stewards of our world. Let's create a place where they can explore their world and let their imaginations soar!

Attracting new members is vital to our future. 2500 visitors tour the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center in Dover each month. Our Federation will have a visual presence in the Welcome Center Garden. Contact information will be available at a kiosk telling visitors about our Federation and how they may become members.

Please support these exciting garden projects! We are asking each club to contribute their ideas, time, and funds to make these gardens a success! We will be purchasing native plants and some annuals for additional color. Accessories for the children's garden may include benches, butterfly houses, stepping stones, and various items to enhance the garden. These gardens will be an ongoing project from July, 2019 through June, 2021. To begin the project I am asking each club to donate \$5 per member by September 30, 2019.. After the initial startup the clubs may make donations for specific items. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Club Name _____

Mailing address _____

Donation Amount _____

Submitted by (name of individual) _____ Date _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Please make your check payable to **DFGC** and note on the lower left corner of the check which project you prefer. Please send your check and this form by September 30, 2019 to:

Connie Raymond, DFGC President
111 Pennwood Drive
Dover, DE 19901

Thank you for your generous support.



DELAWARE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
**TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting
 at Delaware Botanic Gardens**



When you donate \$100 to Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC) in support of **TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens**, you will receive a certificate "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone you designate. 100% of your donation will go toward flowering tree plantings in the Woodland Garden.

Please complete this form and mail it with your donation, made payable to Delaware Botanic Gardens, in the amount of \$100 (or more in increments of \$100). You may request an additional certificate for each additional \$100 donation.

SEND TO:
 DFGC c/o Lisa Arn
 35548 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE 19944

 Date

_____	_____
Name of Donor and/or Garden Club	Amount

 Mailing Address or Garden Club of Donor

_____	_____
Email Address of Donor	Phone Number of Donor

_____	_____
Name "In Honor of"	Name "In Memory of"

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs thanks you for your donation to TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek.

Certificates are distributed at our DFGC State meetings. You may request that your certificate be mailed to you.

Requested Date for Certificate: _____ (must be at least 10 days from receipt of donation)

DISCOVER DELAWARE

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The state that started a Nation

State Bug

Governor's house

Highway department

Signer of the U. S. Constitution

More of these birds than people

Patriot known for his ride to Philadelphia

City with the Zwaanendael Museum

Sea creatures on our beaches

Proof of ownership

State Flower

Revolutionary soldiers

Gunpowder company

Current capital

Native Indian tribe

Early settlers in Wilmington

Early settlers in Lewes

Summer tourist destination

Paths parallel to the road

One of 13 _____ states

State tree

State bird

Nickname (gem)

State butterfly

3 Counties

Local TV station

Center of capital

2 Bodies of water

U of D colors

Original nickname