

# CAR Review



Gail Corle Manna, Director



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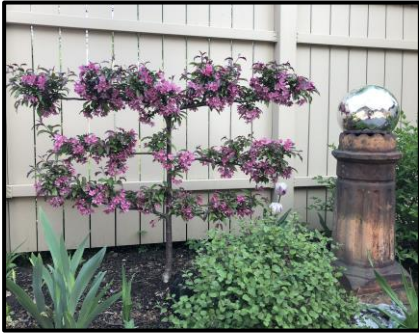
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A beautiful spring is upon us in our 'NEW NORMAL' state of being. If you are like me, I have been enjoying and relishing my time in the garden. Normally this time of year, I am rather frustrated with trying to keep up with gardening, staying ahead of weeds and getting all my new spring garden plans in place. It has always been hard to get things done while doing all my normal spring Garden Club activities, which I love during this busy time of year. I normally have to catch up at home in between traveling to State and Regional garden club events, but this year has been very different for all of us. I have time, really have time, to enjoy my garden, to put into place my winter garden dreams, to take the time to step back and really enjoy the plants, blooms and the wonderful smells. It's like the old saying goes, "Take time and smell the Roses". Gardening has been a safe haven, my sense of peace and joy, during this crisis and I feel it must be the same for all my gardening friends. Our golden blessing during this unknown crazy time.

I have so enjoyed all the social media pictures of your gardens; beautiful blooming trees and shrubs, all the colorful spring bulbs, and your lush green perennials and landscaping. We old timers know how much gardening means to us and our families, but during this time many newcomers have discovered the joys of gardening and are planting, tending their yards, creating new landscaping and vegetable gardens for the first time. Isn't this wonderful? They are taking the time to discover gardening and the joys it brings. Hopefully once things get back to some form of normalcy, many of these folks will want to continue this new joy of gardening in their lives. Could be the pot of gold at the end of the crisis! MORE PEOPLE LOVING GARDENING..... A great thing!

I know we all have given up much and have been very disappointed, with all our meetings and spring events cancelled or delayed. But we as gardeners are a resilient breed, we have learned to be patient and adapt to things we cannot control. We

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will come through this stronger and smarter. Many clubs and members have learned to stay connected through social media, with programs such as zoom and facetime, doing virtual meetings, programs and even flower shows. Many of us 'Old Dogs' have learned new tricks. This is wonderful, as we need to stay connected, not feel isolated. We love to share our joys of gardening and I am so glad you are finding new ways to do this. I applaud you. Stay connected and continue sharing.

As Director, I am so proud of how all of you are handling these crazy times. You are standing tall, being creative, sharing knowledge and persevering during this historic health event.

Things will eventually get back to some form of normal. But in the meantime, please stay safe and continue to show you can spread your wings and grow even in the worst of times. That's us—GARDENERS; tough, resourceful and resilient.

I'm so proud of who you are, what we can be and what we all will be when this pandemic is over.

Be safe until we see and hug each other again,

***Gail Corle Manna, Director,  
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.***



*Photos by Gail Manna*

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## Come Together in Delaware

To Plant, Protect, Create, Learn, Network

**CAR-SGC Conference, October 18-20, 2020**



### CAR-SGC Conference Update

The CAR-SGC 2020 Conference, scheduled for October 18-20 at Dover Downs in Delaware, is in a "wait and see" status, pending recommendations from health officials regarding large gatherings in October 2020.

Registration for the Conference has been postponed until July 1, and any change regarding this status will be posted to the website at [CAR-SGC.org/conference-2020](http://CAR-SGC.org/conference-2020). Hotel reservations at Dover Downs for the Conference are not open at this time. Pricing and hotel details are available now on the same page of the website.

Members of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, under the leadership of Chair Oksana Hoey, have lined up three fabulous speakers to educate and entertain conference attendees: Bonnie Satterthwaite, Southeast Sales Manager for Espoma; Sylvia Deck, Master Flower Show Judge and a member of Federated Garden

Clubs of Maryland; and Gregg Tepper, Horticulturist at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Pennsylvania and former Director of Horticulture at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek.

Five fun workshops, a local tour (or two), vendor marketplace, and NGC Standard Flower Show will round out the busy conference schedule. You can download the full flower show schedule now for "The Family Tree" and start planning your flower show entry. ([tinyurl.com/conference-flower-show](http://tinyurl.com/conference-flower-show)).

*When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden. Minnie Aumonier*

**Margaret Woda,  
Conference Vice-Chair**

## From Our States:

### Delaware



**Connie Raymond**

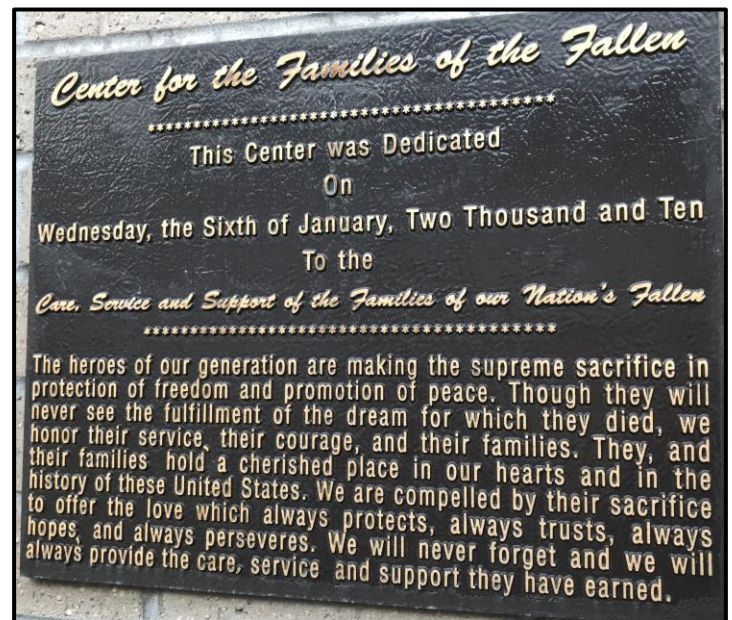
Since our clubs have been "paused" since March we have very little current information to share. Therefore, I will "rewind" to news from the fall season.

DFGC was very honored to host our National President, Gay Austin, at our November state

meeting. Gay arrived on Tuesday and had dinner with our board Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. She spent all day Wednesday with us at our statewide meeting. Gay presented a very informative Powerpoint presentation about the newly renovated garden at National Headquarters in St. Louis. Following the meeting, we accompanied her to the Memorial Garden for the Fallen on Dover Air Force Base.



*Connie Raymond and Gay Austin*



During December many of our clubs decorated historic buildings and decorated trees for the Delaware Hospice Festival of Trees. Even though it was a busy month for our families our members give their time and talent to making our state festive for the holidays.

Our Federation, in compliance with our Governor's mandates, has cancelled our April and June statewide meetings. Individual clubs have not met but continue to garden. With time to imagine and time to be creative, our clubs should be in "full swing" over the summer.

We look forward to hosting the CAR-SGC Conference in October. We hope to see many members from our sister states. One of the highlights of the conference will be a flower show. Everyone is



invited to participate. Stay safe. Be well. Enjoy nature. See you in October.



*Potpourri Garden Club in Dover decorated Woodburn, the historic Governor's House in Dover. First Lady, Tracey Quillen Carney is kneeling in the front center.  
Photos by Connie Raymond*

**Connie Raymond,**  
**President, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs**

## Maryland



**Carolyn Braverman** presented a program called, Holiday Design, Reimagined and Reconstructed. It was a fabulous event opening our minds to endless new possibilities of using traditional holiday materials in different ways. All were inspired to go home and create wild and wonderful arrangements.

This was followed by another year of participating in the program Yumi Hogan, the Governor's wife, has initiated for the past five years. Every county in the

State of Maryland decorates a Christmas tree or a wreath focusing on a theme that represents each county's qualities, activities or history. The trees and wreaths are displayed during the holiday season in the rotunda of the State House and Marylanders are encouraged to visit. The public's response is overwhelmingly positive.



*Photos by Carolyn Braverman, Tina Swanson, Susan Offutt and Kathy Green*

Our Judges Council met in February and featured a program on Botanical Arts. You never saw shoes like this!

The Federation also participated once again in the Maryland Home and Garden Show held at the Timonium Fairgrounds. We are favored with a large corner booth and this year we displayed five decorated heads created by each of our five Districts. They are an eye-stopper and a great way to lure folks into the booth to talk about our Federation and Clubs and what we do. Our Councils and schools provide trifold exhibits and displays. This year we received over thirty inquiries for more information

and our Membership Chair is busily following up on these “leads”.



Our Annual Meetings were curtailed this year – no surprise in this unsettling climate of the virus. But we anticipate holding a dedication for Maryland’s first Gold Star Marker in the Veterans’ Cemetery in Hurlock, MD in the Spring. We are very excited about this project and the organizers have been busy inviting dignitaries, veterans organizations and our FGCMMD members to attend the ceremony. It will be followed by the annual Alice Rush McKeon Tree Planting Dedication. Alice was quite a gal. She was the first licensed automobile driver in Maryland. She coined the term “litterbug”. And her passion was trees. She issued a book of poems about trees, the proceeds of which have been dedicated to the ongoing planting of trees. Each year on a rotating basis, one district will select a location for planting trees and the Federation will provide appropriate funds. We are doing our part to carry out NGC President Austin’s project of “Each one, plant one”.

***Carolyn Braverman,***  
***President, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland***

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## **National Capital Area**



NCA clubs have learned to PIVOT like ballerinas in this historic, stay-at-home, period. Instead of losing energy, many of our clubs have been showing tremendous creativity and drive.

***Cherie Lejeune***

Almost 100% of our 63 clubs have either held ZOOM or similar facetime meetings or had at least, a telephone conference. In April, our STATE meeting was cancelled at Glenstone Museum and Garden in Potomac, Maryland but, the speaker held a presentation for us and others, on FACEBOOK Live, yes a real treat.

We created the Earth Day Favorite Tree project (190 photos sent to us); we had two clubs who did virtual flower shows; free movies, like Piet Ouldolf and Beatrix Ferrand and, endless links to museums, garden tours, member backyard tours, member podcasts and more. There is no shortage of material that is for certain!

Our June District meetings will be on ZOOM featuring the club’s favorite program. Some of our clubs held ZOOM installations of their new officers. I have done one for my own club. Lots of fun. And Drive-Thru Plant-Sales! Our NGC Plant-a-Tree initiative is kicking off with saplings donated from our members yards. We have 2100 to give away.

We understand that the foreseeable future doesn’t look promising to meet in person. However, with no shortage of online material, with great speakers who live out-of-state who are ONLINE willing, which eliminates travel and accommodation, we feel, that until further notice as the expression goes, we will be “OK”.

CAR-SGC States could share the cost of some great speakers, for example. A \$1,000 fee would be \$148 each! And we could do it on Facebook Live or YouTube LIVE—both free!

Some changes might become permanent, and from my perspective, a plus. Online activities definitely appeal to still-working, younger members.

So yes, I know I am busier than I would be if things were “normal” but I find that this period has made us understand the relevance of communicating, both the quality, variety and frequency to keep our organization going. Yes it helps that I am a TECHIE!

Hope this note finds you all well.

***Cherie Lejeune,***  
***President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs***



## New Jersey

The year 2020 has certainly brought unexpected challenges to the world in dealing with a pandemic that has virtually shut down many countries and states, New Jersey included. All our spring meetings, both large and small, were canceled when the reality we were facing hit home and we are tasked



**Jeannie Geremia**

moving forward to keep our members safe. The good news is we will be stronger than ever as we are developing a completely new GCNJ website that will be rolled out in late June. Membership is the focus as we make it easier for the public to join a garden club by offering links to our 100+ garden clubs and our illustrious GCNJ history, 1925 to date.



*At Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden (A National Plant America Grant Winner) at Memorial School  
Photo by Diana Dove*

Lucky for us that we now have the internet and the ability to have virtual meetings to connect hundreds of participants to conferences, conventions, board meetings, committee meetings, workshops, programs and all from the safety of our homes. The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. is fortunate to have an intern who will be guiding us through this new way of maintaining a strong bond to our clubs and other gardening organizations. We are hopeful that we will be able to get back to normalcy by this September with Flower Show School, Garden Study School, District Flower Shows, and the GCNJ Fall Conference and Presidents' Day, 'Pollinators on Parade'. We also are looking forward to the

dedication of our expanded Native and Regional Plant and Children's Garden at our headquarters in Rutgers Gardens, Cook Campus in September, and the various Blue Star dedications that have been delayed.

The GCNJ will be awarding grants of up to \$1,000.00 to garden club sponsored Pollinator Projects including garden libraries, butterfly/bee gardens, and community and youth gardening programs. A thank you to NGC and David Robson, FS Chair, for leading the way with sending out their Virtual Flower Show, "Perfect Vision", as we may be tasked with running our future flower shows in a similar venue. The plus for all of us is the return of a healthier environment.

*This is my favorite bird, the seldom seen towhee.*

*Photo by Bob Geremia*



**Jeannie Geremia,  
President, The Garden Club of New Jersey**

## New York



**Victoria Bellias**

have found creative ways to stay in touch and to promote the goals of National Garden Clubs.

Our state organization purchased a Zoom subscription for the use of our board and for any committee or member club who wishes to use it. We have taken advantage of this with Zoom board meetings, member meetings and even some workshops! My club was able to have our regularly scheduled speaker present her program via Zoom

New York State Garden Clubs are on PAUSE and we are tough, disciplined, united and loving. The Covid-19 virus has hit us hard and we pray for the health and safety of our members and their families. Our members are facing this challenge with fortitude and



**Victoria Bellias**

and even engage with our members through a Q&A session. Some members have opened their own backyards and invited their fellow members to tour their yards for enjoyment and exercise without contact. Our District One has a virtual member garden tour of photos and some games posted on their website. District Three had a virtual flower show this spring featuring Daffodils.

During the winter, FGCNYS was busy planning our Annual Convention and a Symposium to be held in Utica, NY October 5-8, 2020. Our plans are in place but may have to be postponed. Lynne Arnold and Cheryl Kopyt have worked very diligently to plan the meetings and have secured speakers as well as the details for the events. They are to be commended for their efforts during these difficult circumstances.



*District II Spring Meeting: Design Speaker Susan Strauss*

“Each One, Plant One” is an NGC project with a goal of reducing the impact of pollution on our environment. We can participate in this project this spring while we are at home and enjoying our own backyards with an eye towards creating our own natural habitats to encourage wildlife.

College Scholarships will be awarded by New York State in 2020. We will be increasing our monetary award this year and giving four college scholarships of \$2,000 each for the 2020-21 school year. We felt

that this was especially important due to the pandemic economic recession.

This President appreciates all that our garden club organization is doing to keep in touch with our members. It is important to reach out and it helps our members continue to feel part of our organization. Please stay safe and we hope to be able to meet again soon.

**Victoria Bellias,**  
**President, Federated Garden Clubs**  
**of New York State**

## Ohio

Greetings from Ohio,

The GCO Executive Board has been busy dealing with cancellations of our April and May scheduled events due to the coronavirus. Cancelled events included The GCO 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Spring District meetings and Landscape Design, Gardening, **Mary Lou Smith** Environmental and Flower Show Schools.



The next scheduled event is the GCO Committees and Board Meeting, June 17-18th. We are all looking forward to getting back to a NORMAL schedule.

The GCO Awards are presented at the Annual Convention which was cancelled. All the Awards winners will be published in our next *Garden Greetings* publication. The monetary awards have been sent to the clubs/individual winners. The Awards Committee Chairman, Cleo Lehman, did an excellent job organizing this unusual situation due to the coronavirus.

*The Berra Garden Club  
and the Bud’N Bloom  
Garden Club  
dedicated a Blue  
Star Memorial Marker*



I plan to be traveling August 24 - September 4 to the Fall District Meetings. These one day meetings bring together the GCO Clubs in each District. The meetings are planned by the District Directors. Each District has interesting and educational programs and it is also a time to share with members from other clubs. I have suggested that the District Directors schedule a meeting with the Presidents of their District to come together to exchange new ideas, discuss their club projects, share a list of available speakers and exchange fundraising ideas. This helps each District grow together.

My President's Project is entitled, "Plant America. Today's Youth – Tomorrow's Gardeners". This project is made possible through an endowment program. I am encouraging clubs to develop a project to educate the youth of their community. The age group can range from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The club fills out an application with a proposed budget up to \$250 and a committee reviews the applications with me. We have reviewed 8 applications so far. Some activities for the students will be learning about and planting spring bulbs, supplies for a Land Lab youth program, learning about micro-greens and planting their own to take home and watch them grow, starting seeds and watching the plants grow to be transplanted on their new K-8 school building roof top area, using a Tower Garden to integrate gardening into the school curriculum, Brownies and garden club members planted 62 daffodil bulbs around a flagpole and a high school student wants to work with a Garden Club and elementary students to plant a Pollinator Garden.

Ohio is looking forward to getting back to our scheduled programing ASAP and keeping future plans going with even more excitement and energy.

Check out our *Garden Greetings* publication on our website. It is filled with lots of wonderful information about what Garden Club of Ohio is doing. [www.gardenclubofohio.org](http://www.gardenclubofohio.org).

**Mary Lou Smith,**  
**President, Garden Club of Ohio**

## Pennsylvania

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

We were going to party starting April 17th like it was out of this world in Mars, PA. which is just north of Pittsburgh. But like many other affairs in this

time of worldwide pandemic, in the best interest of our members, we invoked Force majeure and cancelled the convention. Hilton Hotels accepted our letter and cancelled the contract without penalty.

This Convention would have been the first time we tried a Friday, Saturday, Sunday affair. We had over 330 registrations which tells us that if we can manage a weekend like this again, more people will come. The convention committee deserves all the thanks and virtual hugs we can muster for their disappointment in taking apart all the hard work they put into this convention over the past three years.



**Joyce Milberg**



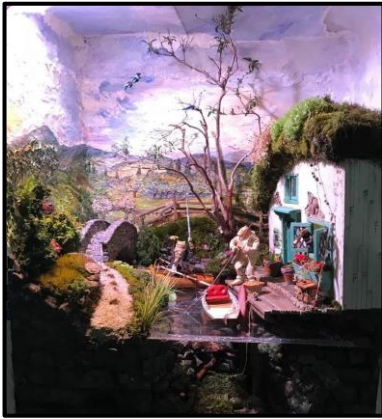
*Titusville*



*Children's Garden*

We are learning how to conduct the business of the Federation, Districts and our clubs by email, zoom, webinars and (gasp) snail mail. Our clubs have postponed all of their Spring meetings and our June Board meeting has been postponed a month to the end of June. In the meantime, our members are making facemasks, taking online courses, helping out at food banks and staying home in their gardens.





Good news is that the Philadelphia Flower show which involves so many of our members from all over the state especially the Eastern part came off beautifully. We supply designs,

horticulture entries, judges, clerks and lots of other help for the show. I am so proud of the ribbons and the efforts our members make to this spectacular show.



*Emily & Nancy win Blue Ribbon + Best in Show for their Miniature entry in the Philadelphia Flower Show*

GCFP is the recipient of a major windfall from the Burpee Seed Company in Philadelphia. We have developed a rapport with the company that may lead to a major project with NGC. Burpee delivered over 40,000 seed packets to our 115 clubs with the only stipulation being that we take photos and post them to Facebook once the seeds flourish. The packets range from Sunflowers to Radishes and many of our gardeners are trying vegetables for the very first time! From the pot in the sunny window to the back yard, we are very fortunate we can dig in the dirt as one therapy in this time of isolation.

**Joyce Milberg,**  
**President, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania**

## Horticulture – Container and Indoor Gardening

As GCFP Awards Chair, I had the good fortune to read many applications for GCFP/ CAR-SGC/NGC Awards. There were several entries that featured containers: “Winter Seed Sowing” using milk jugs, “Potting Succulents for Mother’s Day” and the “Saved Seed Project.” Wayne Woods GC (WWGC) of District I (Philadelphia area) of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania provided outstanding learning from container gardening with youth. WWGC sponsored a year-long “Saved Seed Project” to introduce elementary students attending Upper Merion Area School District to basic gardening science concepts while incorporating reading, writing and math into the process. How?



Having been read to by two GC members in October 2018 from the NGC-sponsored book, “*The Saved Seed*”, three second-grade classes of students saved pumpkin seeds from six varieties of 18 GC-donated pumpkins in November. In May 2019, second grade teachers used the seeds for a variety of educational activities in math, writing and science that met PA State Teaching Standards. The standards included:

1. measuring and estimating lengths in standard units using appropriate tools,
2. identifying similarities and differences in life cycles of plants and animals,
3. explaining how different plant parts work together to make a functional organism,
4. explaining that living things can only survive if their needs are met, and
5. types of writing, specifically writing informational pieces such as descriptions letters, reports, and instructions using illustrations when relevant.



The second graders sowed their "Saved Seeds" in GC-donated peat pots and later transplanted their seedlings to 20 five-gallon buckets, as requested by the school district. The kids witnessed Standard #4 that the pumpkin roots were too large for the buckets, needed daily watering and could not survive in the buckets! \* It was also too late to transplant all of them into home gardens. In Fall 2019, the pumpkins were to be harvested by the then 3rd graders, completing the cycle. The project and cycle began again with the new second graders reading the book and using donated pumpkins. All this was accomplished for \$159. Talk about getting a lot of mileage from a container garden project! Congratulations for amazing work, President Nancy Cuttic and Gwen Puglisi of Wayne Woods GC! For more information, please contact Cathy Siple at [wgsiple01@aol.com](mailto:wgsiple01@aol.com). \* *www.balconygardenweb.com recommends 1 small pumpkin variety per 10-gallon pot adequately draining or grow fabric container; or one large variety per 15-25 gallon pot, 20-24 inches deep and wide.*

**Marilyn Backus,**  
**GCFP Awards Chair**

## A Challenge To Gardeners, Conservationists And Naturalists

The noted author and Professor of Entomology, Doug Tallamy, is challenging gardeners to 'turn their backyards into conservation corridors'. In the fall of 2018, Emma Pelton, a biologist with the Xerxes Society for Invertebrate Conservation, saw 86% less butterflies than the year before at the annual Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count. At hundreds of sites volunteers counted 86% fewer than the number of butterflies the year before. The threats to pollinators are as numerous and varied as the species themselves. Directly addressing this is the disappearance and fragmentation of native plant habitats. Every square mile of open land turned to

shopping center or highways is the pollinator equivalent of leveling Manhattan. And for pollinators that migrate like butterflies and many species of hummingbirds, habitat loss is occurring all along their range. The loss of pollinators is part of a larger pattern of huge decreases in the volume of insects. The fates of pollinators and their host plants are intertwined.

It may sound far-fetched, but the truth is every living thing has an important place in our planet's web of life. So every little bit that we as gardeners, conservationists or naturalists can, do helps the environment, wildlife and the planet. In the words of Doug Tallamy from his latest book, "Nature's Best Hope", he states that "Man is Nature's Best Hope".

**Iris Cisarik,**  
**CAR Environmental Concerns & Conservation**  
**"Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species"**

## Plant America with Trees "Each One Plant One"

NGC Members are encouraged to reach out to members of their communities in the Plant America with Trees effort, as we hope to plant at least 165,000 trees in each year of the 2019-2021 administration.

All it takes is: "EACH ONE" (member) to "PLANT ONE" (native tree).

The NGC initiative, Plant America with Trees: 'Each One Plant One' reaches far beyond the physical planting of trees. With climate change, natural disasters and loss due to growth and rapid development, EACH ONE PLANT ONE helps our environment and physical well-being in a multitude of ways.

Many of our clubs are already planting native trees, but not as part of our nationwide effort. Blue Star Marker landscaping and community beautification projects can be part of Plant America with trees. Scouts earning Native Plant Badges, 4H members, Master Gardeners, church groups, historical societies and many other organizations need garden club members' expertise and may have suitable sites for plantings. -----Don't forget your own backyards.....

If you do not already have one, States and Clubs should set up a Native Plant or Tree Chairman. You could also appoint someone to be your tree counter. See how many trees your clubs, organizations and membership can plant. Let your State's Chair know. Get your totals and let the Region and NGC know.

Let's see just how many native trees get planted in our Region in just one year. I think we will be surprised.

**Gail Corle Manna, Director**

Region Native Plants, Wildflowers, Trees and Shrub  
Chair: **Jane Bianco** [flowerlady128@hotmail.com](mailto:flowerlady128@hotmail.com)

## CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Program

CAR-SGC is announcing a new Scholarship Patronage Program. Each year the CAR-SGC awards one academic scholarship to a student who meets the National Garden Club, Inc. criteria for student scholarships. In order to sustain this program, and perhaps enlarge it to award a second annual scholarship, CAR-SGC is launching a new Scholarship Patronage Program to encourage individuals to make annual donations to the CAR-SGC Scholarship Fund.

This program is in addition to the Life Membership program, which continues. Proceeds from the Life Membership program also go to the Scholarship Fund

Under the patronage program, club members who donate regularly will be recognized at the annual CAR-SGC fall conference and in the Members Only section of the CAR-SGC website.

The patronage program has four donation categories with special recognition for annual donations in five consecutive years and 10 consecutive years:

Platinum Donor	annual donation of \$1,000 or more
Gold Donor	annual donation of \$500-\$999
Silver Donor	annual donation of \$200-\$499
Bronze Donor	annual donation of \$50-\$199

After 5 consecutive years at a donor level  
one oak-leaf cluster

After 10 consecutive years at a donor level  
two oak-leaf clusters

Any donation of \$5,000 or more shall be recognized as a Diamond Donation.

Donations received during the year before August 30 will be acknowledged at the conference following August 30. Diamond, platinum, gold and silver donors will be recognized during a conference meal. All donors will be listed in the conference program. The Members Only section of the website will be updated regularly to recognize donors at all levels.

Because the IRS recognizes CAR-SGC as a 501c3 charity, all donations to CAR-SGC, including donations to the scholarship fund, are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

Donations may be made easily on the CAR-SGC website via PayPal, in care of the CAR-SGC treasurer Mary Williford. They may also be made by check payable to CAR-SGC with Scholarship noted on the For line. Checks should be mailed in care of CAR-SGC Scholarship Donations to Claire Leicliter, 221 Paradise Lane, Bedford, PA 15522-6144.

**David Healy, Finance Chair &  
Connie Taylor, Scholarship**

**The CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Form is located on page 15.**

## CAR-SGC 2019-2020 Scholarship

It is time to start the applicant process for the CAR-SGC 2019-2020 Scholarship. The scholarship for 2019-2020 will be awarded at the October conference in Delaware. We encourage all Federations to submit a worthy applicant for this year's scholarship.

### The Process:

**APPLICATION:** Please use the NGC Scholarship Application available online [www.ngc.com](http://www.ngc.com).

**AMOUNT OF CAR-SGC SCHOLARSHIP:** \$2,000

**DEADLINE:** July 1, 2020

**WHERE TO SEND:** CAR-SGC Scholarship Chair:  
Constance (Connie) Taylor



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## Penny Pines

The importance of the Penny Pines Program is becoming more apparent with the loss of many forested areas due to the introduction of several new pests into our region and continued urban sprawl. Carol Hall, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Penny Pines Chairman, shared how funding from GCFP garden clubs has helped with the replanting of the Allegheny National Forest over the past several years. She noted that projects for 2020 include the maintenance and enhancement of seven Allegheny National Forest native plant pollinator gardens utilizing the Youth Conservation Corps. Additionally, herbaceous plants, trees, and shrub plantings will occur at several developed recreation areas for future shade and wildlife habitats. Wildlife openings will also be planted with a variety of shrub and herbaceous species to enhance these habitats. This is only one example of how the Penny Pines Reforestation Program is helping to plant America here in the Central Atlantic Region. I hope to share other reforestation projects in future CAR Review articles.

*Kay John,*

*NGC /CAR Continuing Projects, Penny Pines*

## Special Covid-19 Update

Most of you know, but for those who don't:

Our Alternate Director, Angela Raitano, had been very sick with the virus. It was so amazing and wonderful to finally hear her voice, from her hospital bed, after she was taken off the ventilator and out of ICU. We were very worried about her and so glad to hear she would be headed home after almost a month in the hospital. She is currently recouping at home with her husband, Bart, and daughters, Natalie and Nikki. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. I know she would love to hear from you, as she recovers at home.

Angela Raitano  
74 Hillcrest Drive, Charleroi, PA 15022-2516

Please let us know of any other members who are ill and/or recovering from this virus. We would love to let them know we are thinking and praying for them. As Angie said, it truly means so much knowing people care.

Email me their names and addresses and I will let the CAR-SGC Board know.

Knowing people care means so much in times of need and heartache.

*Gail Corle Mann*

## Youth Sculpture Award Winners

Name & Grade	Club	State
Allie McKenzie, 4	Springfield Acres GC	NCA
Samuel Fleisher, 4	Giant Oaks GC of PA	PA
Suriya Pope, 5	Springfield Acres GC	NCA
Victoria Bates, 5	Giant Oaks GC of PA	PA
Callie Kaplan, 5	Giant Oaks GC of PA	PA
Elijah, 6	Springfield Acres GC	NCA
Ximena Mondragon, 6	Four Season GC of Kennett Sq	PA
Alina Heineman, 6	Giant Oaks GC of PA	PA
Celeste Mate-Cardé, 8	Potpourri GC	DE

*Marcia Richard*

## Schools Being Held in the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

Flower Show School: None

### Gardening School

- Course 1, 2 and 4: None
- Course 3: July 21-22, 2020, Exton, PA

### Environmental School

- Course 1, 2 and 3: None
- Course 4: Sept. 9-10, 2020, MD Eastern Shore

### Landscape Design School

- Course 1: October 13-15, 2020, Baltimore, MD
- Course 2, 3, and 4: None

### Symposium

- October 14-15, 2020, East Windsor NJ

## GCNJ Symposium 2020

**Date:** October 14-15, 2020

**Place:** Holiday Inn/National Conference Center, 399 Monmouth St., East Windsor NJ 08520 (Exit 8 off NJ Turnpike)

**Instructors: Design:** Julia Clevett, Topics: Cascade Design and Abstract Creative Design: Allied Topic: Flower Show Evaluation

**Horticulture:** Dale DeFeo, Topics: Orchids and Sedums: Allied Topic: Creative Staging for Horticulture

**Fee:** \$245 (continental breakfast and lunch included both days)

**Rooms:** \$119 plus tax per night (a block of rooms has been reserved)

**Registration:** to appear on GCNJ website [www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com](http://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com)

**Chairman:** Cecelia Millea

**Registrar:** Jane Bersch [janebersch@aol.com](mailto:janebersch@aol.com)

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL, COURSE 4

### *The Living Earth - Water & Related Issues*

*Wednesday & Thursday, September 9 & 10, 2020*

*Chesapeake College on Maryland's Eastern Shore*

*Sponsored by Environmental Consultants Council*

*Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland*

*Wetlands & Meadow Restoration Tour*

*Sept 8th at Pickering Creek Audubon Center*

*And*

*Sept 9th Guided Tour of Adkins Arboretum*

*Plus these classes :*

*Ecology & Environmental Science - Sustainability*

*Wildlife - Aquatic Animals*

*Youth Programs in Environmental Education*

*Tidal Marsh Restoration at Poplar Island; Maximizing Resiliency*

*Aquatic Plants*

*Wetlands*

*Earth Stewardship: Effective Citizenship*

Registration and more information available at [FGCofMD.org](http://FGCofMD.org)  
Linda Harris, Environmental School Chair: [lindaharris355@aol.com](mailto:lindaharris355@aol.com)

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL, COURSE 1

October 13 - 15, 2020

Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore, MD

Sponsored by Landscape Design Consultants Council

Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

*Learning About Your Ecosystem*

*Principles & Elements of Landscape Design*

*Design for the Environment*

*Development of Landscape Design: Ancient Times to 1840*

*Xeriscaping: Not Just for the Desert*

*Color in the Landscape*

*Plant Visitations*

*Developing Your Garden Plan*

*Space, Design, and People*

*Basics of a Site Plan*

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### NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS

#### Gardening School

Sponsored by

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Joyce Milberg, President

Series 13, Course 3

July 21-22, 2020

**PLEASE NOTE: All courses will be presented during a Zoom Session.**

Mary Jo Schlomann, GCFP Gardening School Chair, [mrsrags11@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrags11@gmail.com), 610-269-8450



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### CAR-SGC SCHOLARSHIP PATRONAGE PROGRAM

CAR-SGC newly launched program to provide opportunities for members to make annual donations to the CAR-SGC Scholarship Program. To sustain and or expand our current scholarship award, the CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Program allows for individual members, separate from their clubs, to make annual scholarship donations.

#### ***Donation Patronage Levels:***

Platinum Donor	annual donation of \$1,000 or more	
Gold Donor	annual donation of \$500-\$999	
Silver Donor	annual donation of \$200-\$499	
Bronze Donor	annual donation of \$50-\$199	
After 5 consecutive years at a donor level		One oak-leaf cluster
After 10 consecutive years at a donor level		Two oak-leaf clusters

#### ***Benefits include:***

- Acknowledgement at the Annual CAR-SGC Fall Conference
  - Platinum, gold and silver donors will be recognized during a conference meal
  - All donors identified in the conference program
- Identified in the "Member's Only" section of CAR-SGC website
- Contributions are Tax-Deductible
- Knowledge that your donation is helping worthy students pursue their education

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Garden Club (if applicable) Club Name\_\_\_\_\_ District\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ Payment Method (check one): PayPal\_\_\_ Check\_\_\_

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**Mail to: Claire Leicliter**, CAR-SGC-Scholarship Donations, 221 Paradise Lane,  
Bedford, PA 15522-6144

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