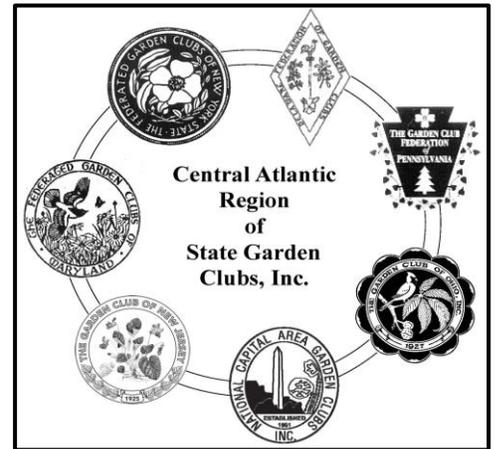


CAR Review



Gail Corle Manna, Director



From Our Director:

What a wonderful time we all had at the Fall conference in Arlington!

Lydia Barbour and Kaki Power, Conference Chairs, and their Committee did an exceptional job of welcoming our members and making their stay at the Hilton Arlington worthwhile, educational and most of all, FUN!

Many memories and new friends were created for the over 140 attendees at this event, which included: wonderful programs, a well-received round-table session, educational workshops, an exceptional photo contest, many, many awards and tours that filled our 2-day event. Then it was topped off with a full house Symposium the following two days.

Congratulations to the Committee and the Host, National Capital Area and President, Cherie Lejeune. Your year of hard work really paid off and you have all our heartfelt thanks for a wonderful 2019 Conference.

Now we are all excited about the 2020 Conference in Dover, Delaware. We had such an innovative invitation from Oksana Hoey and Margaret Woda, Conference Chairs, and we can't wait for their Conference on October 18-20th, 2020 at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. Mark your calendars. Should be another great CAR-SGC Event, not to be missed.

I am so proud of this Region's commitment to NGC and its programs and projects. It shows in all you do and do so willingly. This Region has always been very committed to NGC and listening to the reports, you are doing a great job. We have very dedicated members and what they do shows in the clubs, communities and states.

As we all know, Membership is a constant worry and I know the States and Clubs are trying new things and hope to find what works

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**Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs: Connie Raymond
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**National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.: Cherie Lejeune
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for them and their membership. Knowing there is a problem is always half the battle. Keep working at it and together we will find things that work to keep us strong. Check out National's web-site (www.nationalgardenclubs.org) for more membership tips and ideas. There is much useful info there.



Director Gail Corle Manna and Alternate Director Angie Raitano

Remember to also check out the Region's web-site as well as NGC's site for Award deadlines. Many will be coming upon us very shortly, so remind your Award Chairman and your members. People love to be recognized for their hard work and Awards is the best way. But you cannot win if you do not apply.

Next, be watching for the information concerning our Regional Project, "GROWTH BY SHARING". Robin Hammer and Chris Leskosky, Project Chairs, will be reaching out with everything you need to know to make this Project a success for the Region, and more importantly, for you---the States and membership. This project will be a great way to stimulate growth through education and new projects, so be on the watch for this exciting information and unique ideas.

Floral Tribute to Gail Corle Manna by Angie Raitano



As the Holiday Season is quickly coming upon us, I know our Clubs are very busy with all their seasonal events. Have fun, but take the time to breathe and enjoy the sights and sounds of this special time of the year. I love the quiet of a snowy night, the sights and sounds of children laughing and anticipating Santa, the joy of seeing my garden in its crystal winter garb and the peace and silence of holiday lights glistening in the snow. Enjoy your families and make lasting memories. Then, as gardeners do, wait with anticipation for the spring gardening catalogues, new garden design ideas and the re-birth of bulbs after their winter's sleep.

From my House to Yours,
A very joyful Holiday Season and a Healthy, Happy 2020.

Remember: WE ARE C.A.R. Proud.....

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

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs 2019 Annual Conference



Were you able to attend *A Capital Harvest* in Arlington, Virginia October 24-25? If so, you can relive the fun times you had through photos. Go to the CAR Website, <https://www.car-sgc.org/conference-2019>, to see photos showing highlights of the Conference. Thank you to Izabella Farr for taking those photos, to Cherie Lejeune for sorting them and providing them to everyone, and to Margaret Woda for posting them on the Website. They showed us enjoying the events throughout the two days,

as well as beautiful Floral Tributes, fascinating Educational Exhibits, outstanding offerings by the vendors, gorgeous raffle items, and the American Girl Doll, Blaire, provided by our fearless leader for auction! You will also find the stunning photos submitted for the Photo Contest, which was coordinated by Arabella Dane and Charlie Burke. AND the semi-final and winning photos are also available on the website. Didn't Margaret do a great job figuring out how to display them? We can also thank Arabella for coordinating the judging of the contest entries and for conducting the related workshop. Didn't we learn a lot about taking and manipulating those photos?



Kaki and Lydia

Lots of us enjoyed Holly Shimizu's workshops on Unusual Uses of Herbs and Patsie Uchello's Painting Workshops. Did you come away with your own creation of an infused oil or your own masterpiece? And then there was the self-guided tour of the US National Botanic Garden...lots to see inside and outside of that wonderful place.

On Friday, we began the morning with interesting Round Table Discussions. The business meeting started with a presentation by a Color Guard from the Military District of Washington, the same organization that provided the Color Guard for the 11/2 celebration in DC of the 2019 World Series Champions, the Washington Nationals! OK, OK, back to the Conference...it proceeded with CAR business, Award presentations, delicious meals, an award-winning documentary, "RETURN" with insights provided by Karen Cantor, the documentarian, and a talk by Rick Davis, CEO of Amaryllis, a DC based floral design firm.

The day ended with Anne Bucher auctioning arrangements provided by Rick as well as two other arrangements she and her team created.

We have fond memories of the Conference itself, of working with the Arlington Hilton staff who were very accommodating, and with the fabulous Conference Team that provided registration, goody bags, hostesses, and on and on. We had a wonderful time, and hope you did too! Finally, thank you to all the donors, sponsors and patrons, who helped make this all possible.



*Lydia Barbour and Kaki Power,
Chairman & Vice-Chairman, CAR-SGC 2019 Conference*

State Flowers and Vintage Hats

Delaware extends invitation to the 2020 CAR-SGC Conference

The 2019 CAR-SGC General Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, concluded with an invitation from Oksana Hoey, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, to attend the 2020 Conference in Dover, Delaware. Each state president stepped to the front of the room one by one to be presented with a vintage felt hat that was adorned with her state flower. CAR-SGC Director Gail Corle Manna received a colorful hat that featured flowers representing all seven states in the region. Delaware's invitation was a subtle but wonderful visual representation of the theme for next year's Conference, "Come Together in Delaware."



Left to right: Presidents of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, National Capital Area and New York Garden Clubs with CAR-SGC Director Gail Corle Manna

“Come Together in Delaware” will take place October 18-20 at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino. Hotel reservations will be available in January and Conference Registration will begin in May 2020. Mark your calendar now and watch for more details regarding the speakers and activities on our website at CAR-SGC.org/Conference.

From Our States:

Delaware



Connie Raymond

My President’s Project for the next two years is “Dedicated to Delaware”. My goal is to give Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs a visual presence in our capital and in our state and to stimulate interest in joining garden clubs. To achieve this I am asking our garden clubs to support 3 projects. I met with our club Presidents in July to introduce the President’s Project. The DFGC Board prepared an outstanding luncheon and Board members presented valuable information. We even took a tour of one of the proposed projects. It was a very enjoyable and productive meeting.

The first project is to beautify and enhance the garden at the Welcome Center in Dover through a partnership with the State. The Welcome Center receives approximately 2500 visitors a month. The garden approaching the center is in need of restoration and the addition of native plants. Inside the Center a kiosk will provide information about our Federation and how to become a member of a garden club.

The inspiration for my second project came from our sister state of Ohio. While attending the CAR conference in Columbus in October, 2018 we visited a wonderful Children’s Garden at the Franklin Conservatory. We spoke with personnel in charge and were impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm. I began searching for a possible location for the Delaware Children’s Garden. I found an existing native plant/butterfly garden. We will be partnering with Kent County to convert the current garden into a Children’s Garden. A very popular county park is located just south of our capital, Dover.

Brecknock Park is the home of Picadilly Castle, a playscape that attracts many children to the park. Near the playscape there is a native plant/butterfly garden that needs restoring. With the purchases of additional plants and colorful, educational attractions, we hope to attract and educate children of all ages.



Floral Tribute to DE President by Dottie Howatt and Joy Ericson

In the spring of 2019, our Governor initiated an Anti-litter Campaign for the state of Delaware. Our Federation would like to support this campaign by providing educational materials for our school children.

Yes, the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs will be very busy for the next two years! In addition to our projects we are looking forward to hosting the 2020 CAR Conference!

Connie Raymond,
President, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Maryland

October was a big month for FGCMMD. We dedicated four Blue Star Markers, on a week starting on October 1st. We were approached by the Director of the Baltimore National Cemetery, part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to work with his administration to install a Blue Star Marker in each of the National Cemeteries in the Baltimore Area: Baltimore National Cemetery, Loudon Park National Cemetery



Carolyn Braverman

and Annapolis National Cemetery. Each dedication was unique and all were very moving. In addition, we had another club which installed a marker in Hagerstown. We are thirty-nine markers proud. And in April, we are dedicating our first Gold Star Marker.

The Garden Clubs across the state are busy making plans for their tree decorating at the Maryland State House. This project is one started by Governor Hogan’s wife five years ago. She wanted a tree for every county in the state. Each one is decorated according to each county’s special history, commerce, vegetation – whatever is unique to that area. The clubs love it, and so does the public who get to view the trees during December.

Our schools are going strong. Gardening Study finished up its series with Course IV in September, Flower Show School completed Course II with Course III coming up in April 2020, Environmental School will hold Course IV also in April, and we start a new

series of Landscape Design School courses in October 2020.

Our Design Day fundraiser featured designer Terry Godfrey who treated us to Holiday Designs, Deconstructed and Reimagined.



MD Floral Tribute
by Anna O’Kelly

Carolyn Braverman,
President, FGCMMD



Joy Erickson and
Gail Corle Manna

National Capital Area

CAR-SGC’s 2019 October Conference, again a big thank you to the NCA team.

So, what is next, to strengthen our connections as a seven State, nonprofit organization? Yes, all seven Presidents are busy working through our two year agendas, but, I know that connecting more than once a year through exchanging ideas and experiences about our programs and approaches, be it flower shows, fundraising, education and more, is a benefit worth pursuing.



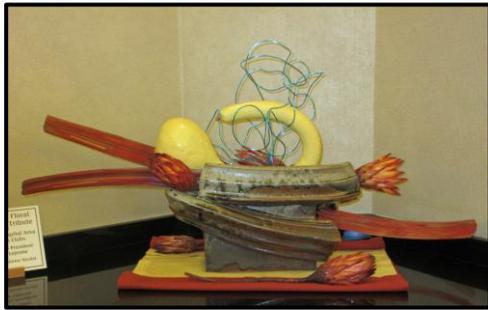
Cherie Lejeune

All of us know that improving our messaging and/or methods, is critical for good health. Tools to connect? Well, “meeting” is as easy as linking to an internet address, or, if phone preferred, easy to pull together in literally minutes.

NCAGC has just launched use of ZOOM, an app (go to zoom.com), that brings together any individuals

for any project and/or meetings, even for a “how-to”. Using this platform saves gas and time. Anybody can benefit from digital education. I give talks and demos all the time and enjoy when people are less intimidated by their gadgets and apps. So, seriously, just ask!

As for NCA current activities, our spring State Flower Show is in the planning stages with committee members coming together. The title: Nurturing Planet Earth, a tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. It will be held April 4-5, 2020 at the US National Arboretum. You are all invited and, for some of you, an easy day trip.



**Floral Tribute to NCA President
by Shirley Nicolai**

NCA is also retooling its Social Media to insure better representation of our clubs’ activities. We are also working on digital products to improve our “State” voice, from YouTube video interviews of members to special speakers. We will start doing podcasts, as well. Having members see and hear what everyone is doing, we feel, a good direction.

Wishing all a Happy Holiday. I just know 2020 will be a Great New Decade!

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

New Jersey

The GCNJ is happy to report that our proposed new projects, including the resurrection of our GCNJ Fall Conference and Presidents’ Day were a huge success. This hadn’t been done since Mary Warshauer, NGC 1st Vice President, was GCNJ President in the Fall of 2009. It was a joyous occasion as we welcomed our guest of honor, NGC President Gay Austin. Gay opened our special day with an inspirational speech on the myriad NGC projects and

the difference each individual can make by embracing the goals of our dynamic organization and contributing our talents on behalf of the environment and embracing NGC’s Plant America Projects. We celebrated our garden club presidents with a Presidential Certificate.



Jeannie Geremia

Fifty-five garden club presidents, out of 102 clubs, were present to receive this acknowledgement of the critical role they play as leaders of our state’s garden clubs. Four honorees received a special Citation for the role they played in the successful campaign to have the Black Swallowtail Butterfly designated as New Jersey’s Official State Butterfly.



**Floral Tribute to NJ President
by Teddie Falcone**

The morning program was the introduction of the GCNJ’s Presidential Theme “Paths to Discovery Through Outdoor Learning Centers”, a joint project with Rutgers Gardens and The Garden Club of New Jersey, presented by Teddie Falcone, GCNJ Learning Center’s Co-Chair and Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens. Six Learning Centers are in the planning stages and involve erecting interactive Centers for students, garden club members and the public. The initial Learning Center features a 8’-10’ stainless steel bird with teeth, sited by a huge magnolia tree, with an interactive nest and signage depicting bird species of today found in Rutgers Gardens as permanent residents or as part of their migratory journeys. We plan on erecting butterfly, ant, bats, dragonflies, bees, turtle and lady bug

Learning Centers in the future with each having their own Garden Library with books and periodicals.

We had outstanding educational exhibits including a visit from Smokey Bear, the Bartholomew's Square Foot Garden books and 3'x3' raised square foot garden bed perfect for disabled and senior gardeners to experience the joys of growing fresh vegetables and flowers. The highlight of the day was the fabulous design program by CAR Alternate Director Angie Raitano and Diane Hughes. They were such a sensation with their "Christmas on Broadway" designs, music, patter and innovative program, that we've invited them back to next year's GCNJ Fall Conference and Presidents' Day to be held October 26, 2020 with a Halloween/Harvest theme.

**Jeannie Geremia,
GCNJ President**

New York

During this fall and winter, the garden clubs of New York State plan and prepare for many holiday activities in their clubs and communities. We are grateful for all our blessings and the privilege that it is to work together in friendship to help our communities.



Victoria Bellias

This Veterans Day, we look back on the sacrifices that our servicemen and servicewomen have made for our country, and how we can show our gratitude for their work overseas and here at home. The garden clubs of Staten Island held a special Blue Star Memorial Veterans Day Program at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY. Dix Hill Garden Club installed a new marker this summer and we have over 75 markers throughout New York State.

We say, "thank you for your service," with a commitment to supporting veterans in our communities to match their support for our democracy. Our clubs also support veterans with Garden Therapy Programs. Members make floral arrangements with veterans at the Long Island State Veteran's Home on a monthly basis. Wreaths are placed throughout NY at Veterans Cemeteries for the holidays. Thank you to all who have served - our veterans, those on

active duty, and those in the reserves - for putting our country first every single day.

**Floral Tribute to NY President
by Phyllis Besch**



**At Fort Wadsworth on
Staten Island**

Our NY garden club members give back with Garden Therapy in hospice centers and nursing homes to bring holiday cheer to others. They help to decorate historical sites so that visitors may enjoy the season and help with local town and historical society seasonal events.

We are blessed to be able to share our many talents with others and to help carry a message of caring for our natural world this year and for many more to come. We wish all a peaceful and joyous New Year.

**Victoria Bellias,
FGCNYS**



Ohio

As the new State President from Ohio, the CAR-CSG Conference was a lot of fun and a learning experience for me. The State Presidents were given a friendly welcome and dinner at a lovely home on the Potomac. I enjoyed getting to know all the state Presidents and we shared our experiences within our states.



Mary Lou Smith

My President's Project is entitled "Plant America - Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Gardeners." I encourage each garden club to develop a project that would educate the youth in

their community. The age group can range from kindergarten through 12th grade. Clubs can develop many types of educational programs that can help students learn about gardening through horticulture, floriculture and teaching responsible stewardship of our natural environment.

I travel to all 10 Districts in Ohio both during the spring and fall. I have been pleased with the District meetings that are planned by the District Directors. I have suggested that the District Directors organize a meeting with the garden club presidents in their district to meet and share ideas that their clubs are doing. The reports that have been sent to me have been very successful and they are gaining new ideas, club projects, speakers and successful money raising ideas. Some of the Presidents reviewed the "100 Tips for Growing Membership" and some clubs are planning joint ventures. This is all encouraging because it is making each District grow together.



Ohio representatives

Floral Tribute to Ohio President by Angie Goss

The Spring Tours to the 10 districts in 2020 will include floral designers presenting programs in both the North and South Districts. These programs are a gift from the Garden Club of Ohio to the districts. They are enjoyed by all the garden clubs in the state.

The Ohio Judges Council and the Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. sponsored the 53rd Symposium this fall. It was a success with many positive comments being made.

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

Pennsylvania

This summer and fall have been pretty in Pennsylvania *and* pretty busy. September is the month our ten Districts hold their annual meetings. In October, we hold our third and last full Board meeting of the year. This year, in



Joyce Milberg

conjunction with our Fall Board meeting, we invited Robin Pokorski, Pacific Region Director to facilitate a one day Leadership Conference, "Seeding our Future" for our club presidents, district directors and "any leadership wanna-be". It was a resounding success, garnering 107 participants and compliments as to its content. Robin is a gifted presenter combining the facts with examples from real life and keeping the audience hopping with exercises and questions. No one was bored.

This is the time of year that many of our clubs begin preparing for their holiday presentations: House tours, special luncheons and presentations, teas, holiday flower shows, and more. Most of these spectacular events are fund raisers for our scholarship programs and other donations. Once early December is past, our clubs and committees in the western part of the state use the winter to hibernate in the snow and plan for the coming spring and summer. On the eastern side of the state, however, since the schedule is out for "Riviera Holiday" work has begun in earnest for exhibits for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Many of these clubs relax at the shore during July and August.

Pennsylvania is a big state!



Attendees from PA



Floral Tribute to PA President by Dot Yard

2020 is GCFP's 90th Anniversary and at our convention in mid-April we will be "Celebrating our Legacy" with speakers new to us and with some old favorites. The scheduling of the convention over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday is a change from our usual Sunday, Monday Tuesday to try to accommodate those of our members who work full time. We were lucky to find a business oriented hotel in the Pittsburgh area whose rates are lower on the weekend rather than the usual venue where we would compete with wedding business on the weekend. Will let you know if this schedule works out in added attendance.

All of us in Pennsylvania wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season.

**Joyce Milberg,
GCFP President**

Landscape Design School in PA

On July 30, 2019, Pennsylvania Central Area Landscape Design Council visited Millersville University to tour the Zero Energy Lombardo Welcome Center located in Millersville, PA. What a learning experience we had!

This building usually produces more energy than it uses, feeding it back to the other MU buildings and is the third most efficient "zero energy building" out of the 100 in the US. It uses stationary solar panels installed in a ripple pattern on the roof, a rotating array containing six panels that follow the sun, black solar collecting glass on the back wall, baffles that allow different amounts of sunshine into the office windows depending on the season, and 20 geothermal wells that are 400 feet deep that help cool the building. It has multiple electrical meters that track usage in zones throughout the building that can pinpoint a problem quickly. A very interesting tour followed by a lovely lunch at the Copper Hill Public House.

The massive rain chain behind the planter is made of very heavy rebar and decorated with metal leaves. The rain chain and perforated roof drain directly into one of the three rain gardens in the building.

Contributing to this article was Melanie Markowski who also took the photos.

**Joyce Crider,
PA Landscape Design Council**



Post CAR-SGC Symposium Recap

Thanks to the help of many, the NCAGC Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges had a most successful Symposium with a high attendance. We had 89 attendees out of 93 who registered, plus 3 NCA Judges' Council members who came just to take on duties. Both Poss Tarpley, Registrar, and Caroline Carbaugh, Accrediting Chairman, put in many hours ahead of time. Poss was also in charge of the CAR-SGC Conference printed program; Caroline was also Conference Registrar. Attendees came from National Capital Area, Delaware, Maryland New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Virginia.

Design Instructor Julia Clevett graciously worked on her designs all day Friday in a small room behind the restaurant, waited for the CAR-SGC conference to end so that the marvelous hotel staff could convert the same limited space into a classroom with proper staging and finished setting up her designs at midnight. She was back at 6:30 a.m. to add final touches. "So, What's New?" was her main topic title, while "Botanical Arts Design" was her allied topic title.

Dorthy Yard had an easier time setting up late Saturday afternoon; she was greeted by numerous horticultural specimens brought in to supplement her lectures on judging orchids and exploring horticulture by forms, colors and sizes. The focus of

her allied topic was evaluating NGC Flower Shows/Books of Evidence using the provided forms.

As of this writing, instructors have the exams in their possession. Evaluation forms have been read and happily sent on to Jan Warshauer, NGC Flower Show Schools Chairman. There is still paper/computer work ahead.

Thanks to all who attended our Post CAR-NGC event. Thanks, too, to Julia and Dot, our superb Instructors, who provided us with quality learning opportunities.

**Shirley Nicolai,
Symposium Chairman/
President, NCAGC Judges' Council**



**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 you 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

**Designs by Julia Clevert
Photos by Caroline Carbaugh**

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

Using Your Indoor Plant Doctors

Has your club utilized your **container and indoor gardeners' talents**?

In Plant Sales

Consider setting up and advertising that these types of club gardeners are "Plant Doctors" who will be at a station **at your plant sale** where they will split, up-pot, fertilize, groom and/or replant for an affordable fee, as requested or as necessary. Consider selling club-made, coordinated decoupage pots for up-potting customers' house or container plants. Have new houseplants and succulents rooted from cuttings that share similar environmental conditions, along with a good potting soil and water in buckets at hand. Perhaps your Plant Doctors will wear a lab coat, dark rimmed glasses and a stethoscope to show they are the Plant Doctors!

In Horticultural Education

Use indoor and container gardeners to guide classroom children in potting easy care succulents, such as Christmas cactus or Aloe, as gifts for their friends and family. Provide little gift cards that include their soil, watering, and temperature and light requirements.

In Horticulture Therapy

Another consideration for utilizing container and indoor gardeners' skills is horticulture therapy. Ask local independent living facility directors if their staff and residents have indoor plants that may need attention. Perhaps the facility directors will bring plants needing attention to a community room for the "Sick Plant Clinic". Residents interested in watching or interacting with the Sick Plant Doctors should be encouraged to attend. The Garden Club of



GC of Monroeville members conducting the Sick Plant Clinic at Independence Court in Monroeville. The man is a retired Horticulturalist who was thrilled that we were there.

Monroeville had four club members who "treated" a cart full of ailing plants in less than two pleasant hours with several residents! Some independent living facilities will provide the pots, soil and water for the club and residents' use. Plants and general horticulture are wonderful conversation topics for residents who may not otherwise have many conversation topics. Try these suggestions and give us feedback, please!

Marilyn C. Backus,
Container and Indoor Gardening Chair

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

Flower Show School:

- Course 1, 2 and 4: None
- Course 3: March 23-25, 2020 College Park, MD
- Course 3: May 6-8, 2020 East Brunswick, NJ

Gardening School

- Course 1, 3 and 4: None
- Course 2: March 11-12, 2020 Exton PA

Environmental School

- Course 1 and 2: None
- Course 3: March 9-10, 2020 Exton, PA
- Course 4: April 1-2, 2020, Wye Mills, MD

Landscape Design School

- Course 1, 2, 3, and 4: None

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Recognizing those who deserve our Appreciation.....

The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of at least (5) years, have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas:

- Civic Development
- Conservation
- Design
- Horticultural Therapy
- Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Youth Activities
- All Round Excellence

Eligibility: Any member of a State Garden Club, who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents.

Rules: Send Book of Evidence to your State Awards Chairman. Book of Evidence not to exceed 6 pages (total) to be typed and secured in a folder.

State Deadlines---according to each State Award rules.

Deadline to Regional Chair, February 1, 2020

Gail Corle Manna, Member Award of Honor Chair for the Region

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Winter address: effective December 27, 2019 –
 March 15, 2020
 3606 Gaviota Drive, Ruskin, Florida 33573

All pertinent information is located on the National Website under Award-Member Award of Honor.

Let's honor and recognize those who work so hard behind the scenes for the good of others on behalf of this great organization.....

Gail Corle Manna



**Floral Tribute to
 Gay Austin
 by Joyce Overholtzer**



**Floral Tribute to the Team
 By Jane Smith**

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It is social.

It is spiritual.

It is political.

It is educational.

It is scientific.

It is a way of Life.

Author Unknown - from NGC Membership Committee

Keeping in Touch, November-December 2019

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