

CAR Review



Gail Corle, Director



From Our Director:

The smells and sounds of Summer! Don't we all love and cherish these simple joys and memories:

- colorful drifts of garden flowers
- the smell of mint rubbed between your fingers
- the taste of a tomato right from the vine
- the sweetness of a crisp ear of buttered sweetcorn
- snapping beans with family/friends on the back porch
- the smell of newly mowed grass or a quick summer shower
- the joy of lightening bugs on a balmy summers evening
- the sound of children's outdoor laughter on a sunny day
- the smell of a charcoal barbeque
- porch rocking on a summer evening with star-filled skies.

All these things bring a quick smile to my face. I love the sights, sounds and smells of summer. But before we know it, fall will be upon us with its own joyful memories. I truly have memories of every season and hope your small joys are similar and wish every child could have memories of such senses.

Ok, enough reminiscing: The Central Atlantic Region is such a great place to live, learn, grown and share information. The seven states of this great region do wonderful works and services for members and their communities. The kudos are endless for all you do ---- Community Gardens, Garden Therapy/Healing Gardens, Flower Shows, On-going NGC Schools and Educational Projects, Blue Star Memorial Projects, Garden Tours, Youth Projects, Conservation/Environmental Projects. Our membership and their communities benefit. The educational and growth factors are what I feel are the most important parts of Garden Club.

We as a region are here to share knowledge with each other and that is why I stress that all the Chairman of the region interact with the presidents and chairs of the states, so information can be dispersed, questions asked/ answered and we can grow as a region in a multitude of ways.

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You will be hearing much more about the New Regional Project----It is not a new concept. All of your States have been doing this in some format for years.

It is an Outreach-Leadership Project titled "GROWTH BY SHARING".

Robin Hammer is the Chair and Chris Leskosky, Vice-Chair. They will be giving you much more information about this educational/growth project.

There are five Chairmen: Judith Schaeffer, Anthony Antes/Melissa Siegel, Tonya Young, Chris Leskosky and Mickie Marquis.

These Chairs will help spread the information about working with five parts:

- Teachers and Youth Programs
- Master Gardeners and Educational Programs,
- Senior Living Communities/New Clubs and Programs
- Leadership Outreach
- Mentoring Programs/Sister Clubs.

These ongoing programs and projects will increase the educational value of our clubs and also aid our goal of membership growth and retention. So get out there and enjoy those Projects.

Our Fall Conference, "A CAPITAL HARVEST", is rapidly approaching on October 24-25 at the Arlington Hilton, Arlington, VA. I hope to see each of you there. It is going to be fabulous!!!! Lydia Barbour, Conference Chair, Kaki Power, Vice-Chair, and their committee have been working hard to make this an exceptional Conference: fabulous programs, a tour and workshops, and, a wonderful time with friends and fellow gardeners.

This Conference is intertwined with the Farm to Table theme, foods and flowers. Plus, it will be followed by a Judges' Council Symposium at the same hotel. Anyone can attend the Symposium - you do not need to be a judge. Come and learn.

All information and registrations forms can be found on our region's web-site. www.car-sgc.org.

I was excited to learn that even the American Girl doll company is using our Conference theme. The girl of year 2019 is Blaire. She is an active 5th grader working on a community service project and the book teaches the lesson that not everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Blaire works with the local food shelter and also tells us how her family runs a "farm to table" restaurant. This is a great way for children to learn about this concept. American Girl called it "Connecting with others through creativity and service". Sounds familiar. We as a garden club have been stressing this since our birth.

As you can see, we as a region are off to an exciting start. I look forward to hearing from you, reach out anytime, and seeing all of you in Arlington this October. This is going to be an exciting two years. I have a wonderful board and with their knowledge and enthusiasm, this region will be stronger than ever and there to aid you in your individual growth and education.

Enjoy your summer memories.....and always remember---Gardening is Fun!

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

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs 2019 Annual Conference



**Hosted by National Capital Area
Garden Clubs**

October 24-25, 2019

Arlington Hilton, Arlington, VA

It's that time again! Every seven years, NCAGC hosts the Central Atlantic Regional (CAR) Conference, inviting the other six states: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and the rest of Maryland. The date is October 24-25, 2019, held at the Arlington Virginia Hilton, located over the Ballston Metro Station.

On Thursday the 24th, the event open to the attendees is the set of 3 workshops that are also offered on Friday. All the events on Friday starting with the Luncheon are open to all. The luncheon feature is the documentary, "Return", concerning courageous Native American women who reclaim foods for their tribes' health and spirit, presented by its creator, Karen Cantor. Next comes the three workshops: a photography contest, the unusual use of herbs, and art with design; or, an afternoon guided tour on the Mall of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

There will be vendors you shouldn't miss, and a cocktail hour to spend with new and old garden club friends. Rick Davis of Amaryllis, one of Washington, D.C.'s premier floral design firms, will present the evening program. Rick is known for sophisticated elegance, unique use of products and innovative concepts. He will showcase our Farm to Table theme, incorporating local products into stunning designs. Sign up now using the form on the CAR-SGC, under "Conference-2019".

Look for Conference information on the CAR Website at www.car-sgc.org/conference-2019.

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

October 26 and 27 Symposium to Follow CAR-SGC Conference

National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. invites you to attend our NGC Symposium at the Arlington Hilton, which has been specially scheduled for the convenience of those attending the CAR-SGC Conference, although attending the Conference is not a requirement. Any garden club member is welcome, not just Judges.

On October 26, Julia Clevett will pursue *So, What's New in Design?* Her Allied Topic will be *Botanical Arts Design*.

On October 27, Dot Yard will focus on *NGC Judging of Orchids*. The much-needed Allied Topic will be *Evaluating NGC Flower Shows/Books of Evidence with the Provided Forms*.

A registration form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. If you have questions, please contact Poss Tarpley, Registrar (posst@aol.com) or Shirley Nicolai, President, NCAGC Judges' Council (shirleynicolai@verizon.net).

Shirley Nicolai,
Symposium Co-Chairman

From Our States:



Delaware

Garden Clubs in Delaware have had a busy year. Here are reports from several clubs.

Connie Raymond,
President,
Delaware Federation
of Garden Clubs



Salt Air Gardeners

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; a presentation on how to organize a flower show; a tour of the Delaware Botanic Gardens;

creating boxwood center-pieces and our annual holiday party.

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.

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.

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.

Lois McNamara, Ginny Seaman, Bebe Reines, Libby Bishop, Ellen Dowling, Oksana Hoey, Salt Air Gardeners

Duck Creek Gardeners

In celebration of the Duck Creek Gardeners 25th Anniversary in 2019, the club had their first "NGC Small Standard Flower Show" at the Historic Belmont Hall in Smyrna, Delaware. The theme of the show was "Celebrating Twenty-Five Years – Celebration Time".

Our successful show was supported by many from the community and other Delaware garden clubs. The show made our club members shine with pride with their design and horticultural entries.



Community Attendees at the Flower Show



Regina Brown
at the show

Ray Harechmak,
1st VP, Duck Creek Gardeners

Isabel Hwang Wins 1st 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 essay is limited to 600 to 700 words. Her theme was "The Detriments of Bottled Water." Isabel's well-written and researched essay won first place in the state of Delaware, in the regionals (CAR-SGC), and at the national level. She received a \$1,000 scholarship from NGC for first place. You can read her winning essay on the CAR-SGC website. (under About CAR and NGC)



Barbara Boyce,
(past) Chair of Youth Activities
Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Maryland

Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Summer 2019



Our Federation and our members have had a very busy spring and summer with meetings, celebrations, inductions, and, oh yes, gardening.

Carolyn Braverman

FGCMD congratulates member Dorrie McDonald on being chosen as NGC's Designer of the Year. One of her designs will be featured on the cover of the new Visions of Beauty Calendar. And more congratulations to those clubs who received NGC Awards at the recent NGC Convention in Biloxi.

Spring & Summer Activities

- Several of our Maryland clubs celebrated Earth Day by joining in local activities.
- Many clubs are tending local herb gardens, kitchen gardens, butterfly and community gardens as the spring and summer progress.
- There are Secret Garden Tours and the decorating of historic houses and downtown streets using urns and flowering baskets.
- One of our clubs participates in the annual Women Moving Forward Pre-Release Conference by providing table centerpieces for their seminars. These seminars for inmates include talks on parenting, job training, and healing care to name a few.
- Another club partners with Trader Joe's by picking up weekly donated flowers and making centerpieces for residents of Hospice of the Chesapeake.
- One club's 60th Anniversary Celebration featured a High English Tea fundraiser and the proceeds from the event will provide a Scholarship at a local college.
- A new rain garden was established in a State Park to mitigate storm water runoff.
- Two clubs together have purchased a truck to transport vegetables and plants from Real Food Farms for distribution in the Baltimore City food deserts.
- Another club created a "reading nook" at a local library whose grounds they have been improving. Members erected a colorfully painted picket fence, and seating was created using tree stumps as a base.

Looking Ahead

- Upcoming plans include one club's "Halloween"-themed standard flower show for late October. In conjunction with this, the whole District is having a Sunflower growing challenge using three different dwarf cultivars that can be grown in containers or a garden bed. The show will

have a special division for each cultivar growing method.

- Gardening School Course IV will be on September 4-5.
- Flower Show School Course II will be on September 23-25.
- September 26, members of the Environmental Consultants, Landscape Design Consultants and Gardening Consultants Councils will take a bus trip to the Delaware Botanic Gardens.
- Four Blue Star Memorial Dedications will be held, one in each week of October, and plans are underway to install our first Gold Star Marker.
- Our Governor's wife has once again asked each Maryland County to decorate a Christmas tree at the State House. This will be the 5th year for this project and it is highly successful. Each county draws on their historic and cultural traditions to come up with unique and memorable designs.

Members of our Federation are mourning the recent loss of three former Presidents: Linda Masland, Mickey Slasman and Lou Whittington. They were much loved, and we will feel their absence deeply.

Carolyn Braverman,
President, FGCM

National Capital Area

I was not keen on a "Theme" but I believe 100% in NGC's Plant America brand potential as an ongoing energy force. Adding my conviction to cultivate more green community stewardship, I concluded: *Plant America, Cultivating Community*. Our new leadership team exudes new ideas and possibilities.



Cherie Lejeune

Guide for Presidents and Officers. It has many operational tools to help clubs with leadership, plus ideas on programs and ways to build community connections. Feedback has been "thank you and great!" We will check in with them

The biggest management change has been to make our 1st VP, Arlene Stewart, my partner in planning and first go-to, sounding board. Collaborating reduces stress! Arlene distributed a tweaked club manual (from the NGC website) we retitled: *NCAGC*

Guide for Presidents and

in 6 months to see what changes they might have adopted. Yes, we will share this manual with you.

We are also eliminating some meeting barriers by having the option to conduct business via digital meetings with an app called ZOOM. Bad hair day? Audio on, Camera off. Yes, a bylaw change is required, but we will finally eliminate the chorus of complaints about time dedicated to meeting travel and attendance. No, not all of our board meetings will be digital, but this will allow us to recruit more individuals in the future who used meeting/travel as their "no". We project the biggest reward will be offering special interest topics to clubs/members. With the ability to screen share (pictures, data, videos), there are many topic possibilities!

We are also adding more social media tools such as podcasts and a YouTube channel to share our members' skills, talents and events. We already have great archived material. We have also seen a big uptick on our Facebook, from far and wide, on our community posts. I am a firm believer that if done right and consistently, social media provides the best FREE tool to publicize who we are and what we do.

On our calendar:

August 5-7: Flower Show School Course 2, headed by our amazing NCAGC longtime contributor, and now Flower Show School Chair, Bette Lewis. Course 3 will be in March 2020. We are also rebooting the Beginner Design 3 part series this fall. A lottery system had to be used to select participants for this popular workshop series.



National Capital Columns at National Arboretum
Photo by Caroline Carbaugh

September 21: A celebration of 60 years of our FERN VALLEY GARDEN with co-sponsor, the US National Arboretum, where the garden is located. Fern Valley is the largest woodland garden in all of

the District of Columbia with native plants in abundance.

Starting October 24: Lastly, we can't wait to host the CAR-SGC Conference. Our local volunteer team, headed by Chair Lydia Barbour, has put in a lot of preparation to make this memorable for you. Add Director Gail Corle's leadership and this gathering will be one of true value. Following the conference there will be an NGC Symposium. We want everyone to go home feeling their time and investment was worthwhile. We can't wait to meet you and share our community with you!

Cherie Lejeune,
President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs

New Jersey Fall Calendar of Events

As the newly installed GCNJ President, I'd like to share some of the new, innovative projects we're introducing to our 105 garden clubs, and 4,500 members encapsulated in my president's theme "Paths to Discovery through Outdoor Living Classrooms". Our GCNJ Chair, Teddie Falcone, unveils in the following article how we've tied refurbishing prior GCNJ Rutgers Gardens projects by past GCNJ Presidents, and taking them to new and exciting heights by creating "learning centers" in collaboration with Rutgers Gardens Director, Bruce Crawford. We've also been able to tie in NGC's Plant America theme so read Teddie's following account as to how we plan on connecting them.



Jeannie Geremia

New, too, are the four District Flower Shows we will be holding in venues throughout our state in 2020 to replace our longtime GCNJ Standard Flower Show. We will be running two days of free flower show workshops led by Marina Kerber in a new position, that of GCNJ Flower Show Workshop Chair in the 3rd week in September at Holly House, our GCNJ Headquarters in Rutgers Gardens. These workshops are designed to get our clubs onboard by showcasing the cornucopia of fabulous possibilities in all aspects of gardening available in the NGC's *HANDBOOK for*

FLOWER SHOWS, revised 2017. Our Youth Co-Chairs, Onnolee Allieri and Bob Markey will follow the flower show workshops with workshops that are designed to inspire young people to explore the world about them, as Smokey Bear celebrates his 75th birthday, and Bob Markey's Great Zucchini Race takes center stage, with his "grow'em, race'em, eat'em" motto.



Egret Chicks

Another innovative project is entitled "Milkweed for Monarchs Helpline", and we will have much more to share in the future as we work with local growers, both commercial and public, plus golf clubs and utility companies to utilize underused habitat for our pollinators. Supporting this effort are Audubon International's "Monarch in the Rough" project, our own eight Districts and our local Master Gardeners plus our state gardening newspaper, *Gardener News*, providing us with a platform to promote this and many more projects, fulfilling our mission to educate our fellow gardeners and the public.

Last, but far from least, is our November 4 GCNJ Fall Conference & Presidents Day "Paths to Discovery" as we welcome NGC President Gay Austin and showcase the GCNJ's illustrious history as *The Green Crusade Continues!*

Your gardening friend & neighbor,
Jeannie Geremia, GCNJ President

Plant America for GCNJ

The Garden Club of New Jersey under Jeannie Geremia's leadership is championing "*Paths to Discovery through Outdoor Learning Centers*". Garden Club of New Jersey's headquarters shares building space at Rutgers Gardens which is affiliated with Rutgers University. This is a natural and beneficial partnership. This is an ambitious project partnering with Rutgers Gardens and will upgrade prior projects in the gardens created by past GCNJ presidents while incorporating Rutgers Gardens Director Bruce Crawford's vision of creating a living history of plants and their complimentary wildlife counterparts that existed and interacted with one another in the same timeframes over the years. These *Paths to Discovery* will inform the public with

large sculptures, reading libraries, play and learning areas and signage through the gardens. The goal is to create a fun journey and encourage learning about the flora and fauna around us and to inspire the local clubs to use this as a guide to create similar smaller areas in their local areas. Clubs could plan and apply for Plant America Grants to help fund these centers. Envision a native pollinator area with a 6 foot butterfly or bee, an interactive nest, a reading library, an area to encourage use and education of all the senses! We are so excited to begin and watch this concept grow.

***Teddie Falcone, Chair
Plant America for GCNJ***

New York

The Federated Garden Clubs of NYS have had a busy summer. We have moved our office to a new location: 292 Washington Avenue Extension, Suite 104, Albany, NY 12203-6385. Phone: 518-869-6311 fgcnys@verizon.net <http://fgcnys.com>



Victoria Bellias

A major theme this year is Plant America with Seeds of Knowledge. Our Presidents' Contest is a Back to School Challenge to encourage all of our ten districts to hold a NGC School and to also challenge our clubs to reach out into their communities by pre-

senting a special educational event to a school, library or civic association. Certificates will be awarded for successful participation by our districts and clubs. Sharing our knowledge by presenting interesting courses and programs keeps our organization vital and relevant as our understanding of the environment and our role in preserving it evolves.

Youth education is also an important goal. Our state federation awarded four college scholarships to students attending New York State Colleges. Many of our districts and clubs throughout the state award college scholarships. The Greenport Garden Club, District 3, recently presented a high school graduating senior with a \$1,000 scholarship. In addition, our state awards each district a scholarship for a Junior High School student to attend NYS Dept.

of Environmental Conservation camps. Clubs also send students to these rewarding summer camps.

Our clubs have been busy with flower shows and garden tours, as well as participating with their communities in the annual county and state fairs. Chenango County, Erie County, Long Island and the New York State Fair are just a sampling of the many fairs across our state with garden club participation.

The Garden Club of Kinderhook held a Garden Tour of seven gardens in Kinderhook. Club members were docents and a fundraising cocktail party was also held. Half of the proceeds supported the Club Scholarship Fund and the remainder supported the Club's Operating Expenses. This is a great way to increase awareness of garden clubs, attract new members and educate the public about garden design.

***Victoria Bellias,
FGCNYS***

Ohio

Good news from Ohio! Since my installation in June, I have been busy attending Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Dedications. To date, Ohio has 11 Gold Star markers and 80 Blue Star markers. Each dedication that I have attended has been well planned and is truly an honor to our veterans who have served, those who are now serving and those who died for our country.



Mary Lou Smith

The Canton District was host to our 91st Annual Convention this year which was held at the Glenmoor Country Club. Attendance was high and they offered our GCO club members many diversified activities in which to participate. An outstanding program was presented at the GCO Life Member Scholarship Breakfast entitled "Working Together We Can Do It" presented by the Millers. They have been in the greenhouse business 34 years, and just recently sold the business to Gentlebrook, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization providing day service and job training to adults with disabilities. They have continued as the managers to assist clients with learning the

growing process. Many thanks to the Millers as they are "connecting people and community" together.

Ohio was honored to have CAR-SGC. Director Gail S. Corle and 2nd Vice President Brenda Moore of NGC, Inc. in attendance for our Convention. I am looking forward to attending the 2019 Conference in the National Capital Area.



Pictured with CAR-SGC Director Gail S. Corle are (L-R) Marlene Hatton, GCO 2nd VP, Ginny Clark, Botanic Gardens & Arboretums Chairman and Jeri Timon, Awards Committee.

Mary Lou Smith,
President, Garden Club of Ohio

Pennsylvania

At our state convention in April, a grand success in its own right, we surprised our long-time Headquarters Secretary, Lee Ann Stine, by honoring her at lunch. Lee Ann has retired after serving more than thirty-years in the position. Lee Ann served through 19 GCFP administrations making many friends along the way. Lee Ann tells us she is enjoying retirement, not missing working on the computer but missing the day to day contact with her friends.



Lee Ann with all the living past GCFP presidents she served under.

We hope our new Headquarters Secretary, Elizabeth Pinkham is well on her way to being the right hand that Lee Ann was known for. Because Elizabeth lives in Lancaster, we have moved our Headquarters to Lampeter, PA. Our telephone number remains the same but our address is now:

GCFP
P.O. Box 205
Lampeter, PA 17537-0205
717-737-8219



Joyce Milberg

After more than ten years of having our bi-annual board meetings at the classically traditional Atherton Hotel in State College, we have new digs for the meeting. Our first meeting at the brand new Wyndham Garden, State College in June had over 75 Board members in attendance. The hotel was a big hit. I mention this only because we are in line to have the CAR-SGC conference in October 2021 and are thinking this venue with its golf course and accessibility to Penn State may be the perfect site. We'll see...

Also in June, our new Symposium Chair Tonya Young pulled off the accomplishment of putting together a superb FS Symposium in record time. In addition to 50 PA Judges attending we had 16 Judges from as far off as Mississippi, Florida and Connecticut. Dot Yard and Jackie Davies were the instructors. We plan on holding two more schools in the coming months. Environmental School will be held in August and Garden Study in October. Registration forms with the details are on our website: www.pagardenclubs.org Also in October, in conjunction with our board meeting, we are holding a one day Leadership Workshop. To renew interest in this very well respected program we are changing the format and inviting Robin Pokorski to rally new interest in serving GCFP. This is an instate program that the GCFP subsidizes for our members.

Pennsylvania now has over 80 Blue Star Highway and Byway Markers throughout the state. Our goal is to place a Blue Star Marker at every entry rest area coming into PA. - we are almost there with the latest being unveiled on Armed Forces Day at mile marker

2 on I-83 just off the border with Maryland. This one is also a certified pollinator garden that PennDot will help to maintain. Three more markers have been dedicated in the past few months, in Chambersburg also on Armed Forces Day, in Erie on Flag Day and another in Erie both located in Veterans Parks. Because so many of our Markers have been erected with the support of Veterans Groups throughout the state, it is so moving to see our Veterans turn out to join in the celebration of dedication.



Members of the Presque Isle Garden Club

We are very proud of the work we do throughout Pennsylvania in conjunction with other civic minded groups. Civic beautification is catching. Flower boxes (not just ours) proliferate in our towns and cities, our spaces become gathering points for celebrations, and schools and students benefit when we donate and build a green house or a study program. We are *Growing our Legacy: Green Spaces, Education, Scholarship, Connections.*

Joyce Milberg,
GCFP President

EVERY STATE CAN WIN THE AHS REGIONAL PERENNIAL AWARD

CAR-SGC garden clubs are eligible to apply for the American Horticultural Society Regional Perennial Award, which may be awarded to a garden club, a group of garden clubs, a district, a council or a state for an outstanding class or section of **herbaceous perennials** in a NGC Flower Show. The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and include a minimum of 20 exhibits. Each state can have a winner, so a total of 7 awards is the goal.

Applying for this award is easy. The book of evidence can be done in the required 3 pages and must include the date, name of State Garden Club, name of show and location; a copy of the schedule; a list of pertinent specimens in the exhibit botanically named (genus, species/epithet and cultivar, if pertinent); a clear photograph of exhibits, including staging; a clear photograph of any top awards in the exhibit, if applicable.

Most spring, summer and fall shows have a class or section that would qualify. The qualifying show does not have to be one in contention for NGC or State top awards. The emphasis is on horticulture, not design or educational exhibits.

The time to gather information for this award is during your NGC Flower Show. Appropriate photographs can be taken; the botanical names of herbaceous perennials are handy for compiling a list. Waiting until January or February of next year makes the application process challenging, rather than easy.

Applications for the 2019 calendar year are due by April 1, 2020. On the official application form, put N/A for #s 4 and 5.

Anne Bucher

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

Flower Show School:

- Course 1 and 3: None
- Course 2: Sept. 23-25, 2019, Bowie MD
- Course 4: October 14, 15, 17, 2019, Dewitt, NY

Gardening School

- Course 1: Oct. 17-18, 2019, Exton PA
- Course 2: Oct. 1-2, 2019, New Brunswick, NJ
- Course 3: None
- Course 4: Sept. 4-5, 2019, Columbia, MD

Environmental School

- Course 1 and 3: None
- Course 2: August 22-23, 2019, Exton, PA

- Course 4: April 1-2, 2020, Wye Mills, MD

Landscape Design School

- Course 1: Oct. 29-30, 2019, Ganville, OH
Nov. 1-2, 2019, Lancaster, PA
- Course 2, 3 and 4: None

Symposium

- October 26 - 27, 2019, Arlington, VA

Leadership Workshops

Is your club, district or state looking for competent and passionate members to hold leadership positions?

Well...**Leadership Workshops** are designed to help **aspiring** and **accomplished** leaders alike achieve their personal best and improve their effectiveness in a leadership role.

Holding a workshop is where you can motivate others to be good communicators, decision makers and so much more. Having qualified, innovative and creative thinking leaders is very critical on Club, District, State and Regional levels for survival.

Since I am from Pennsylvania, and for a number of years we held very successful workshops, I decided to share some of our ideas and tips. Former GCFP Presidents and Board Members, who have experience in the subjects under discussion, conducted the workshops.

Topics were:

- Information on State, CAR-SGC and NGC
- President's themes and projects
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Protocol
- Public speaking – how to use a microphone
- Communications, using the website
- Applying for awards
- How to prepare a budget
- NGC Schools
- Writing a meeting agenda
- Insurance/liability coverage
- IRS reporting

Sales tax

Youth therapy programs

Jargon's ins and outs

Question and answer period

Handouts are a very important component, so everyone in attendance received copies of all materials covered during the day.

Our workshops are not intended to be a fundraiser, so districts hosting the workshop took into consideration using church halls, community centers etc. where charges (if any) were lower than hotels.

Registration fliers were sent to the District Directors to share with their clubs. Three workshops were held throughout the state, each had its own chair, but one registrar was used for all locations.

The workshop began at 9:30 with registration (light refreshments) and ran until 2:30. Arrangements were made for lunch, and morning and afternoon "stretch" breaks were scheduled. A trip to a local garden, museum or arboretum was an added feature at the end of the day. Club presidents were charged \$10.00 and other attendees \$15.00 to cover the cost of their lunches.

A **Leadership Workshop** provides a way to create an in-depth educational experience in a short amount of time.

Chris Leskosky,

CAR-SGC Outreach Leadership Workshop Chair

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

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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.

On-line Classes on Plant Identification

Gail received the message below and thought we might be interested:

Hello gardening friends of the Central Atlantic Region.... North Carolina State University has partnered with world-renowned **Longwood Gardens** to create an exciting series of online classes on plant identification. Trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, edibles, you name it! We have a class for it. The non-credit classes are fun, full of games and challenges, and are self-paced. To find out more, simply go to: go.ncsu.edu/eg-online-classes

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