

CAR Review



Regina I. Brown. Director



From Our Director:

The Central Atlantic Region searched and found Spring but Summer was tagging along just behind it. And we all love her, too.

Wasn't the NGC Convention on May 22-25 in Philadelphia where *LOVE Blooms* fabulous! It was the distinct pleasure of this Director to welcome the members of the other seven Regions of NGC, recognizing that many had traveled long distances to recommit their support to the goals of NGC. These goals are to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. Our host state of Pennsylvania provided many workshops offered by renowned and inspiring speakers as well as the opportunity to renew friendships and share gardening experiences with other members.

This Director attended the well-organized and informational annual meeting on June 6-8 of the Garden Club of Ohio, a long drive from Delaware but was worth every mile traveled. I enjoy meeting new friends and renewing other friendships. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the annual meetings of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State and The Garden Club of New Jersey because of scheduling conflicts, but I am sure their meetings were also educational for the members who were able to attend.

The Garden Club of Ohio is hosting the 2018 Conference and Tri-Refresher on October 25-26 in Dublin, Ohio. These events are open to all members and their guests, all of whom are encouraged to attend and participate. The opportunities to learn new gardening techniques and meet new friends at these meetings are endless. Please check our website (CAR-SGC.org) and this issue of *CAR Review* for registration information and the dates.

The Board of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania has selected the CAR-SGC Director and Alternate Director for 2019-21. Drum roll, please! Gail Corle and Angie Raitano will fill these positions, respectively. These outstanding leaders will continue

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs: Lisa Arni
www.delawaregardenclubs.org

Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.: Diana E. Bonner
www.fgcofmd.org

National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.: Robin L. Hammer
www.ncagardenclubs.org

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.: Louise M. Davis
www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.: Monica C. Hansen
www.fgcny.com

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.: Deanna J. Stearns
www.gardenclubofohio.org

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania: Christine M. Leskosky
www.pagardenclubs.org

the process of laying the groundwork for the future of CAR-SGC. There is no doubt this region will be in most capable hands. Their biographies will appear in a future edition.

A new website is alive and active for CAR-SGC, which will provide our members with a secure, password-protected format for personal and nonpublic information thanks to the diligent efforts of Margaret Woda of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. Be sure to read her articles in this and future editions of *The CAR Review* as she explains policies and procedures to navigate this website. Please check the website for the Tri-Refresher in Dublin, Ohio under EVENTS section, educational events under EDUCATION section, and announcements in the MEMBER section. Your

individual state websites are sources of additional information as well.

This Director encourages you to enroll in one of the NGC Schools: Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design, and Flower Show or a Refresher or a Symposium to be considered for a tuition reimbursement of up to \$150 under the Director's Project.

See you in Ohio in October, if not before! Enjoy the balance of Summer and until we meet again,

Fondly,

**Regina I. Brown, Director
Central Atlantic Region of
State Garden Clubs, Inc.**

89th Annual National Convention "LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia"

"Love Blooms in Philadelphia", the 2018 National Convention, is now GCFP history. Convention Chair Pat Wolanski, Vice-Chair Flossie Narducci and their committees' planning and organizing skills were evident in every aspect of the successful event. Seven hundred NGC members attended -- not only from the USA, but also from across the world. The GCFP was honored to host National President Nancy Hargroves.

Convention tours took good advantage of the historical significance and diversity of the area. Historic Philadelphia tours featured Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Constitution Center, and The Museum of the American Revolution. Garden-centered options included Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer Gardens and reception, a Walking Tour – "Philadelphia in Bloom", a boat trip to Bartram's Garden, the PHS Community Garden Tour, and the Green Roof Tour. Broadening the experiences were tours of the Philadelphia Mint, Eastern State Penitentiary, From History to Happy Hour Brewery Tour, Grounds for Sculpture, Winterthur, Brandywine River Museum, Brandywine Cottage, and Funny Fox Farm.

Throughout the Convention, speakers and seminars provided interesting educational material, often with a creative twist. Speakers included Kirk Brown, "The King's Gardener", Kent Russell, "Candy in the Garden", Sam Lemheney and Matt Rader, "PHS and the Philadelphia Flower Show: Engaging Gardeners and Transforming Communities", and designer Jane Godshalk, "Philadelphia Style – Love it".

Seminar topics attracting conventioners were: "The Future of Public Horticulture" by Paul Redman, Kathleen Gagan with "Peonies", Sharon McGukin presenting "Help Love Bloom with Flowers in your Home", and "How to Turn Kids into Gardeners" by Johanna Schoeller. "Garden Time" by Vera Bowen, and "Connecting Gardener to Food Pantries to End Food Waste in America" by Gary Oppenheimer rounded out the offerings.



The Loews Philadelphia Hotel was comfortable, accommodating, and the meals were outstanding! A reception with a CAPA Quartet String was held on the 33rd floor after the Tuesday night dinner, to honor all NGC Life Members. The panoramic view of Philadelphia at night was breathtaking.

Exceptional Educational Exhibits and great vendors were an added plus to the event.

This State President is very proud of the Pennsylvania members who made this Convention a wonderful memory for all in attendance.

Chris Leskosky
GCFP, President 2017-2019
"T.E.A.M. Up and Plant America"
Together Everyone Achieves More



*L-O-V-E Blooms with the
CAR State Presidents*

Photo from Louise Davis



Something is Happening in Ohio

2018 CAR-SGC Conference
Hosted by Garden Club of Ohio, Inc
October 25-26, 2018
Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

Reservations must be made with hotel (614-790-0000) Deadline 9/25/18
Room Rate is \$124 a night, single or double and includes breakfast and evening reception.
Mention Garden Club of Ohio.

Information available at Gardenclubofohio.org or www.car-sgc.org

No refunds after 10/7/18

Print and mail registration form with check **PAYABLE TO: CAR-SGC 2018 CONFERENCE**

Send to Registrar: Cindy Kozakewich 470 Haymore Ave. South, Worthington, Ohio 43085
cindykozak@aol.com

Conference Registration includes all workshops, sales areas and speakers: Cost \$250

Tri-Refresher: Additional cost \$70

Registration Form is sent with the August issue of *CAR Review*.

Tri-Refresher Offered in Ohio - Thursday, October 25

If you are one of the many consultants wishing to refresh your credentials, now is the time to sign up for CAR-SGC educational offering on October 25, 2018 here in Dublin Ohio. If you are one of the many people curious about the schools that are offered through National Garden Clubs, Inc., now is the time to sign up for a great day of experiences on October 25, 2018 here in Dublin Ohio.

Information and sign up can be found on: <https://www.car-sgc.org>

There is a wonderful day planned that encompasses a world-renowned Ice Core Byrd Laboratory tour, Roof and Topiary Gardens, A Million Dollar plus new Children's Garden, a couple of lectures on landscape planting to attract pollinators and house plants with a purpose. Capped by Zoo Ambassadors arriving to educate and entertain at evening dinner. As you can see, something for everyone and topics covering Landscape Design, Gardening, and Environmental Schools, plus the added benefit of new experiences and no exams required!

Across the nation, 8 Tri-Refresher experiences have been hosted in 2018. Every consultant must refresh within a 5- year period to stay current. Consider supporting your region and attending not only the refresher but the conference that begins the next day. Meet (or bring) your friends, have a wonderful time, and learn something to boot. Make your reservations now. Don't miss the fun.

Email me for more information Pat Rupiper: patrupiper@gmail.com

Deadline is Sept 28 as we need to assure paperwork is correct for each school credit.

Tour Highlights

Byrd Glacial Laboratory (Wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket)

The Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at **The Ohio State University** is recognized internationally as a leader in polar, alpine, and climate research. Research at the Center focuses on the role of cold regions in the Earth's overall climate system, and encompasses geological sciences, geochemistry, glaciology, paleoclimatology, meteorology, remote sensing, ocean dynamics, and the history of polar exploration. The Center is named in honor of Admiral Richard E. Byrd, American's most famous polar explorer.

Lazarus LEED Building and Roof Top Garden

The Lazarus Building is six separate structures, the initial building was constructed in 1909 and the remaining five constructed throughout the 20th century. Lazarus, during its lifetime as a retail emporium, had been Columbus' most iconic building. Upon Federated Department Stores' decision to close the Lazarus department store in 2002, the Georgetown Company, acting on behalf of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) reached an agreement with Federated for it to donate the building to CDDC. CDDC is a not-for profit corporation organized by Columbus' Mayor and the City's business leadership to spearhead the redevelopment of Columbus' downtown area. The Ohio EPA is a major tenant in the building. CDDC, EPA and Georgetown share the goal of having Lazarus serve as a principal example for Ohio residents to understand the importance of sustainable development.

The centerpiece of the building is a 15,000 square foot roof garden located in the midsection of the main Lazarus Building's roof, which adds to insulating the roof area. Displaying more than 60 plant varieties, the garden retains 50% of the rainfall that its surface receives.

Topiary Park is both a work of art and a work of nature. It plays upon the relationships between nature, art and life.

Franklin Park Conservatory Children's Garden Tour, a new two acre Children's Garden at the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

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Seven Tips for Using our New Website

The website for Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs has been updated in recent months. If you haven't visited CAR-SGC.org yet, check it out! The format has been updated but our goal remains the same, i.e., communication with members and non-members who prefer digital and mobile communication over traditional communication. We need both!

1. The new URL (or website address) is CAR-SGC.org.
The Bylaws indicate that a hyphen is used in the name of our organization. Now the Bylaws, name of the organization and our website are consistent.
2. ALWAYS refresh your browser after you log on, so the most recently updated page is on your screen.
This website is still new, and updates occur often... sometimes multiple times a day. The only way to be sure that you are seeing the newest update of the website on your screen is to refresh your browser every time you visit. (This is true of any website.)
3. The first page you visit should be "Announcements" in the MEMBERS area of the website.
You don't want to overlook any major updates to the website, which may include such things as a revised form or information about an upcoming event.
4. A navigation bar at the top of each page is your online Table of Contents.

ABOUT, EVENTS, EDUCATION, RESOURCES, AWARDS and MEMBERS identify six categories of information on the website. If you hover your cursor over any of those words, a sub-menu will appear listing additional pages in that section.

- 5. A navigation bar at the bottom of each page lists CAR-SGC member states. Just click on the state name to connect with the website for that State Garden Club or Federation. This is a very important ingredient in our website!
- 6. Use the CONTACT tab to contact the webmaster or Region Director. This will increase the odds of a quick reply because it will stand out among the many other emails received daily.
- 7. Shhhh! The Members Only page is password-protected. Content on the website is written for non-members as well as CAR-SGC members. The one page that is not available to the public contains information for conducting garden club business (and the public has no "need to know."). The password is FLOWERR.

Thank you for your patience as the website is tweaked over the next few months. One update that you will appreciate is the conversion of all forms on the website to PDF Fillable forms. This will likely take place in August, if not sooner, so members will have them in plenty of time for award applications.

When CAR-SGC Director Regina Brown and I planned this website, we intended to feature a garden photo from every state in the region. Please notify us if you have a photo or photos you are willing to share on the website. We would like to rotate the photos often to keep the website fresh and interesting, so we really can't have too many.

Homepage photo by Kathe Worrell

Margaret Woda
CAR-SGC Webmaster

From Our States:

Delaware

Delaware Wins Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs

TREE-mendous Delaware, a two-part project of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs that emphasizes (1) membership growth and (2) tree planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, was recognized with the Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs (Small Club) by National Garden Clubs, Inc. at their May 2018 Conference in Philadelphia. Two new garden clubs were formed in Delaware since the project began in April 2017 (Coastal Gardeners and Four Seasons Gardeners of Heritage Shores), increasing statewide membership by nearly 10%, which was the two year goal for this project. The twenty-five hundred dollar first year goal for tree planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek was reached just six months after the project began.

Over \$10,000 has been raised to date. These funds are used by Delaware Botanic Gardens to plant the Woodland Garden area next to the Meadow Garden.



*DFGC President
Lisa Arni
displays the medal
that accompanied
the Award of
Excellence*

*Photo by
Sylvia Heidbreder*

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs President Lisa Arni was extremely proud and equally stunned by the extraordinary awards earned by Delaware Garden Clubs from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) for their 2017 projects. In addition to the Award of Excellence, Delaware

Federation of Garden Clubs earned four other national awards in its category:

- DFGC Membership Brochure, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
- Social Media / Website, First Place
- Garden Club Membership Publication, First Place
- Special Achievement: Most Outstanding Civic Project furthering NGC Objectives and Projects throughout the Year, Overall Winner

Three member clubs of the statewide federation won National recognition, as well. They are:

Middletown/Odessa Garden Club (Medium Club)

- Newsletter (Medium Club), Certificate of Appreciation

Plantation Lakes Garden Club (Small Club)

- Yearbook (Small Club), First Place
- Newsletter: *Growing Together Newsletter*. Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
- History: PLGC Scrapbook 2016-2017. Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
- Membership Brochure, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Barefoot Gardeners (Large Club)

- Publication: Coastal Garden Tour, Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is very proud of the awards and appreciates the time, talent, and dedication displayed by many garden club members who work year round on these projects and projects within their local communities. To view a list released by DFGC Awards Chair Maureen Eisenhart of all the DFGC award winners announced at the June 20 meeting in Dover, please visit DelawareGardenClubs.org/DFGC-awards.

Margaret Woda
DFGC Publicity Chair

Fourth of July Parade in Smyrna

The Duck Creek Gardeners, Smyrna, Delaware, celebrated their 25th Anniversary by participating in the Town of Smyrna's 4th of July Parade. This parade is the longest consecutive running 4th of July Parade in the state. The Town of Smyrna has

also been celebrating it's 250th year celebration throughout the year. Duck Creek Gardeners are proud to be a part of this truly historic town by decorating the historic buildings at holidays, planting daffodils at cemeteries, and granting scholarships to Smyrna High School students.



2018 Delaware Scholarship

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is very pleased to announce the award of a scholarship to Mark Meloni of Blackbird, Delaware. Mark is a senior at the University of Delaware, majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Environmental Advocacy and a minor in Coastal and Marine Geo Science. He would like to become involved in environmental policy or advocacy after graduation.



DFGC Scholarship Chair Elva Davidson, Scholarship Winner Mark Meloni, and DFGC President Lisa Arni.

Photo by Sylvia Heidbreder.

In addition to the Delaware scholarship, Mark also received a scholarship award from National Garden Clubs, Inc. This is the second time that he

was selected by both organizations for their scholarship awards. Mark can look forward to a bright future in his career choice of environmental policy and advocacy!

Margaret Woda
DFGC Publicity Chair

Maryland

A busy, busy, wet spring for Maryland and now into a quieter, sweltering summer.



In March, in addition to our popular booth at the Maryland Home and Garden Show, our 89th State Annual Meeting was a tremendous success with

awards galore presented to well-deserved clubs and individuals, a design and horticulture program, “Travels with Gina and Tina”, two sisters from Florida both NGC Flower Show School Instructors (one retired), and an over the top Standard Flower Show presented by the Federation’s Judges’ Council, “Planting Maryland From the Mountains to the Ocean” (this State President’s theme). Over 300 attendees viewed the show and attended the meeting.



Awards of Design and Horticultural Excellence at Judges’ Council Standard Flower Show

In April and May, Environmental and Gardening Schools were held. Also in May, Federation members had an overnight and visit to NorthBay Environmental Camp, this State President’s

project. After a tour of the camp, members had lunch with over 400 campers plus councilors and chaperones. The tables were set by the campers with an orange at each plate. We were advised that “AN ORANGE IS NOT A WEAPON!” (Who knew). Even with full stomachs, five members went on the zip line and loved it!



In June, back by popular demand, the four Councils held a “Celebrate National Garden Week” event at the Federation’s headquarters at the Vollmer Center located on the grounds of the Cylburn Arboretum. Three Councils presented programs with the Gardening Council offering tours of the Arboretum’s gardens.

After an all too short summer break, we look forward to the Landscape Design Council’s refresher program in September, a Conservation and Environmental Awareness program in October, along with attending the CAR-SGC Conference in Ohio and a Flower Show Symposium in November.

Diana Bonner
FGCMD State President

National Capital Area



NCA Gardeners are BUSY! Our members are at work in their clubs and in the community, as they each participate in “A Garden For Every Garden Club!”, our 2017-19

President’s Project. Clubs have entered gardens and community projects and Lisa Cort and Danielle Brabazon have created a presentation capturing each and every NCA Club’s Garden. As unique as our Clubs are—we enjoyed viewing the Gardens at our Spring Conference and

look forward to seeing the newest photos and growth at our NCA State General Meeting in September!

NCAGC is on the move! Our members don't grow much moss under our toes—we are always travelling! This June NCA had two different adventures. NCA held a Bi-Refresher and visited Virginia and West Virginia. The first stop was



Elissa Steeves' Garden, Blacksburg, VA
Photo by Caroline Carbaugh

White Oak Lavender Farm --a lavender farm and a distillery, complete with a wine tasting. The group, fortified and educated, went on to visit The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs for a garden tour and delightful luncheon; the Arboretum at Virginia Western Community College, in Roanoke, VA; and other private gardens and nurseries in the area. Our Past President, Jo Sellers, planned the outstanding bi-refresher. A great success!



Later in June, a bus full of happy NCAGC members travelled to Newport, Rhode Island for a truly spectacular long weekend of garden delights full of Newport charm & elegance! The amazing

Ronnie Levay took care of all details—she planned and organized our state trip from door to door. From birthday celebrations to the prime seats at the luncheon lecture to the most gorgeous and delicious dinner served in spectacular style in the elegant and exquisite Marble Hall, a Newport mansion on the Atlantic Ocean—we had an unforgettable adventure together! Our group had more laughs and good meals and truly enjoyed the fabulous Newport Flower Show.

Robin Hammer
NCAGC President



Tomatoes exhibit
By Pat Fernandez,
Newport Flower
Show Chair

Photos by Robin Hammer

New Jersey Garden Therapy

The Garden Club of New Jersey and their dedicated members have brought smiles to both residents and staff at the Lyons Veterans' Hospital. Each Friday, for decades, under the direction of committee members and



with the dedication of Club volunteers, many hours were spent creating beautiful floral designs, retrieving and cleaning the vases from the previous week and distributing the new arrangements throughout the facility.

In a recent letter, Lyons Associate Director John Griffith thanked the Garden Club of New Jersey not only for the beautiful floral arrangements but for the many warm smiles and kind words our many volunteers shared over the years.

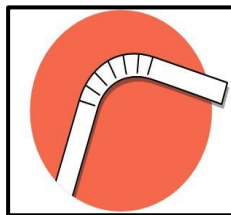
While being proud of and honoring our past contributions, with time, the VA has changed and now it's time for us to evolve our program as well. In the coming year, our club volunteers will begin working directly with the residents. Our members will assist residents as they learn floral design and together the volunteers and residents will create the arrangements that will be displayed throughout their living area. These changes will both enhance the volunteer experience, and bring tremendous pride to the residents as they learn new skills while enjoying beautiful floral arrangements.

Louise Davis
President, The Garden Club of New Jersey

New York

Change the Day Project

This information appeared in our FGCNYS [The News](#), Spring, 2018. You can read about the entire project at www.Marthastewart.com/1524287/how-to-fight-plastic-pollution-straws



Let's talk trash for a moment: think about the last time you ordered a smoothie from your favorite juicery or picked up your morning iced coffee. Now, think about what you did after you finished your drink; chances are you threw everything — your cup, lid, and straw — into the trash. Or perhaps you thought, since it's plastic, it could be recycled. However, according to a recent global analysis on the effects of plastic pollution, a whopping 91% of all discarded plastic never

actually gets recycled. As a result, a majority of all plastic will end up in landfills or, more likely, the ocean. "Plastic does not disappear. It does not go away," Nicholas Mallos, program director for Trash Free Seas at the Ocean Conservancy tells us. "And the same qualities that make it so useful in our everyday life — it's cheap, it's strong, it's light — make them just as hard to break down."

Life Cycle of a plastic straw: During a Trash Free Seas program in 2017, volunteers picked up 125,973 straws on American beaches alone. (I know... who counts?) EVERY DAY more than 500 million! single-use plastic straws are tossed. AND the sad fact is that, with the exception of a medical condition, single use plastic straws are not required to sip your favorite drink! Your discarded single-use straw finds its way into the eco-system. Fish may not ingest a large straw. The straw does break down into small pieces like the pesky eggshell sized pieces which we can remove (well maybe) from our omelets. Unfortunately, these small pieces are sucked up by sea animals. It's a fact! By 2050 the oceans will be home to more plastic than fish. And there you have it. A food chain started by us.

It's so easy to stop this practice. We all know the 3R's: Reducing, Reusing, Recycling... The article suggested adding a fourth: REFUSE. The next time you are in a restaurant, BEFORE you place even your drink order, request that you do not want a plastic straw. It's a fact! There are currently [only] 1800 restaurants, organizations, and schools worldwide that have either implemented a straws-by-request policy or have gotten rid of them all together (included: Miami, Los Angeles, NYC, and D.C.). France has already decided to ban single-use plastic straws. Tres bien.

Do you love sipping with a straw? Consider investing in your own reusable straw: stainless steel or bamboo. Refusing a single-use straw does not sound like much, but consider if 100,000 or a million others refused a straw in the same week: definitely an impact. This comes down to a choice to be sustainable when you have the chance. Make a pledge to be plastic straw free for a week or forever. "This is a people problem. We

manufacture straws and use them. We can fix it.”
It’s a fact: Yes, we can.

Planting the Seeds of Membership

Last year our Club Presidents were presented with a membership challenge - **planting the seeds of membership** - and were asked that we all make it our goal to have a net increase of four new members, per club, by our next meeting. Each club accomplishing this received recognition at our 2018 Annual Meeting in Binghamton. It was exciting to see such a response from our clubs with 10 clubs netting at least four new members and eager to be recognized. We are running a shortened version now, so that our members will be encouraged to attend our Fall Conference in Corning, NY where we will be welcoming our NGC President Nancy Hargroves. Nancy will be presenting a program entitled “Witches, Turkeys, and Reindeer - Fall and Winter Container Gardening”. Information about this Conference is on our website fgcnys.com.



**Monica Hansen
President, FGCNYS**

Ohio

At the Garden Club of Ohio convention held in Cincinnati, OH on June 6-8:



Pictured with CAR Director Regina Brown are (L-R) Marlene Hatton, GCO 2nd VP and Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Smith, GCO 1st VP, Deanna Stearns, GCO State President, and Virginia Schmidt, GCO Akron District Co-Director.

Upcoming Courses

**NCA Gardening Schools
Course I**

October 4-5, 2018

**Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks location,
Fairfax, Virginia.**

Our revised curriculum for Course 1 will include the following:

- Basic Botany (Tested)
- Soils (Tested)
- Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers (Tested)
- Plant Propagation
- Propagation Workshop
- Invasive Plants

Please find the registration form and complete curriculum with instructors on the website (ncagardenclubs.org/schools-and-councils/). Should you have questions please feel free to send me a note at jeskog612@gmail.com or give me a call.

We have some excellent speakers scheduled that are new to our Gardening Schools program and I think you will really enjoy them. The tests are now **PASS/FAIL**. The NGC no longer requires individual scores on the tested subjects.

Registration is now open.

Joyce Skoglund
NCA Garden School Chairman
703-591-4017(H)
703-371-5343(C)

New Jersey Symposium

October 9-10, 2018

**Holiday Inn of East Windsor,
off Exit 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike**

Darlene Newell will be the Horticulture Instructor and Mary Huntoon, the Design Instructor. Chrysanthemums and conifers will be studied. The Design Types to be studied are Low-Profile

Design and Grouped Mass Design. Botanical Arts Horticulture will be the Allied Topic presented by Darlene Newell. Handbook Changes Regarding Botanical Arts Design is the Allied Topic which Mary Huntoon will present. The brochure for the Symposium is available at <http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/gcnj-35th-symposium>.

Registrations and check payable to The Garden Club of New Jersey can be mailed to Registrar, Jane Bersch, 386 Tavistock Drive, Medford, NJ 08055-9261, prior to September 24, 2018 to avoid a late fee. Out of state judges must contact their State Judges' Credentials Chairman for eligibility. State Judges' Credentials Chairman will notify GCNJ Judges' Credentials Chairman, Jane Bersch, of eligibility.

All Garden Club members and the public are welcome to come. We look forward to having you join us.

Tammy Feuer, Symposium Chairman

**Pennsylvania Flower Show School
Course IV
October 16-18, 2018**

Come join us in Pennsylvania for Flower Show Course IV—Grove City, PA

Students, Refreshing Accredited Judges and members wanting to understand new aspects of the 2017 FS Handbook are invited and welcome to join the fun.

Design Instructor---Julia Clevett
Hort Instructor-----Dottie Howatt

Wonderful Instructors, informative lectures and a great group of fellow students.

Contact: Cindy Jarzab, School Registrar
814-726-2924 cjarzab@gmail.com

Or download registration from:
GCFP Web-site: www.pagardenclubs.org
or National's site: www.gardenclub.org

Come to PA, enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and get some Flower Show Inspiration.

Hope to see you there....

Gail Corle, GCFP Flower Show Schools Chair

Awards

**NEW AWARDS RULES AND DOCUMENTS
ADDED TO CAR-SGC, INC. WEBSITE**

Garden Clubs chartered under the National Garden Clubs, Inc. work hard to help our organization achieve its objectives. Awards are a way of saying "thank you" for your hard work. Application for these awards has never been simpler and more readily available than it is now. If you have Internet service, it takes little effort. NGC and CAR-SGC have limited the number of pages you can submit. HINT: This means that we want condensed text, limited to the significant aspects of your accomplishment.

The updated awards criteria for both the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc. have been added to the CAR-SGC Website. This includes the application forms for both the NGC and CAR-SGC criteria.

In addition, the Perennial Bloom Award for Garden Clubs and the Golden Perennial Bloom Award for the Region is on the website, complete with the application form and the Certificate for clubs to use for their respective nominees.

Please note, also, that the American Horticulture Society's Regional Perennial Award requires a special form and procedure for clubs and states to follow.

To apply for scholarships, applicants should be directed to go to the NGC website, click on Scholarships, and download those forms. This is the correct form and procedure to use when applying for the CAR-SGC Scholarship, as well.

NGC made a significant change to the awarding of recognition for Youth. The written awards, formerly listed with the NGC Awards Criteria, can now be found under the heading "Youth Activities." While students will now receive certificates and placements, rather than "award"

it will now be considered “recognition/participation.” The Written Essay winner will continue to receive a cash award. First place winners in Poetry will receive a certificate. The Youth Sculpture Contest winners will likewise receive a certificate. PLEASE NOTE: All of the Youth Contest applications must go through the CAR-SGC Chairs, which are listed in the Regional Directory.

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Rules are listed in our rules as well as on www.gardenclubs.org and www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids websites. Certificates for local clubs to use are also available at the government website. State Chairs will submit their winners to the Regional Chair, also listed in the CAR-SGC Directory.

IMPORTANT: Club Presidents are requested to be certain to make this information available to your club’s Awards Chair. Deadlines for submission are different for different awards, so be sure to get yours in to the appropriate Chair (State, Regional or National) on time.

Bette Lewis
Awards Chairman

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; go to the very last award listed for details. 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 exhibit botanically named (genus, species and cultivar); a clear photograph of exhibits, including staging; a clear photograph of any top awards in exhibit, if applicable.

Applications for the 2018 calendar year are due by April 1, 2019. On the official application form, put N/A for #s 4 and 5.

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.

Do you need an incentive? Each winner currently receives a monetary award. For more information, go to the *Other Awards* section of the CAR website or contact Shirley Nicolai at shirleynicolai@verizon.net.

Shirley Nicolai

CAR Golden Perennial Bloom Award

States: Don’t forget to choose your State Perennial Bloom candidate for the CAR Golden Perennial Bloom Award to be given at our CAR Regional Conference in Ohio this October.

All the Rules, Deadlines, Application and the beautiful Certificate concerning this prestigious Award can be found on the CAR web-site www.car-sgc.org under Awards.

Last year, we only had 3 entries; this year we need to have each state represented with 7 entries. I know there are wonderful candidates within our Region. Let’s get them entered into this contest, so they can be recognized for their service and love of gardening.

Dates to remember:

Club deadline-----June 1

State District Director deadline-----July 1

State deadline-----August 1

**CAR Perennial Bloom Chairman ----August 31
deadline**

**Contact the
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