

# CAR Review



Regina I. Brown. Director



## From Our Director:

The Central Atlantic Region has been desperately searching for Spring since March 21, 2018. If you find her, please let her know that we are eagerly awaiting her arrival so that we can enjoy the emerging buds and blooms without dreading the possibility of a devastating frost. We all love her!

This Director has attended several Garden Club annual meetings, most notably the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, and the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs where we celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations to DFGC! Everyone has been very gracious and welcoming, and I added many more friends to my growing list.

The 2017 CAR-SGC Conference was unusual in that a mini-Conference was held at which only the Executive Committee and invited Committee Chairmen attended. It is serendipity that the attendees were so encouraged by the results of this meeting that they proposed this format be provided at the beginning of the annual Conference at least once in each Director's term.

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 and all are encouraged to attend and participate. The opportunities to learn new gardening techniques and meeting new friends at these meetings are endless.

The rotation schedule for CAR-SGC Director and Alternate Director is in Article IV, Section 3 of our Bylaws as follows: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, and National Capital Area. For various reasons, Maryland is unable to offer candidates for 2019-21, although they do expect to offer them for 2021-23. Pennsylvania has qualified candidates for 2019-21, and they will be selected at their June 2018 Board Meeting.

**Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs: Lisa Arni**  
[www.delawaregardenclubs.org](http://www.delawaregardenclubs.org)

**Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.: Diana E. Bonner**  
[www.fgcofmd.org](http://www.fgcofmd.org)

**National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.: Robin L. Hammer**  
[www.ncagardenclubs.org](http://www.ncagardenclubs.org)

**The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.: Louise M. Davis**  
[www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com](http://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com)

**Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.: Monica C. Hansen**  
[www.fgcny.com](http://www.fgcny.com)

**Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.: Deanna J. Stearns**  
[www.gardenclubofohio.org](http://www.gardenclubofohio.org)

**Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania: Christine M. Leskosky**  
[www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org)

A new website is being built for CAR-SGC, which will provide our members with a secure, password-protected format for personal and nonpublic information. Poss Tarpley, our Webmaster, has graciously agreed to continue maintenance of our current website and will assist with the transition to the new website. Poss's superior dedication and prompt postings to the website have enabled us to keep current with the many happenings in NGC and the Region States. Margaret Woda of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs has been working diligently on the new website and will be our new Webmaster.

Please 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. The required forms to request reimbursement will be available on our website.

One of the most rewarding experiences in attending conventions of our Garden Clubs is meeting new friends who walk with us on our gardening path of Life. To that end, this Director looks forward to seeing many of you at the NGC Convention in May, *LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia*.

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

## 89th Annual National Convention "LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia"

Pennsylvania is proud to say that the countdown is on to the 89th Annual National Convention "LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia". The Convention will be held at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Registration deadline was April 20<sup>th</sup>. The GCFP is gearing up to host a wonderful event filled with great tours, workshops, speakers, vendors. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet new garden club members in our state, across the nation, and our National President, Nancy Hargroves as well. Pictured are the GCFP Board members sporting their Love tee shirts at a recent Board Meeting. Visit the National website at <http://www.nationalgardenclubs.org/> for more information.



Looking forward to welcoming you at National Convention!

**Chris Leskosky**  
GCFP, President 2017-2019  
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## ***Something is Happening in Ohio***

### **Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs 2018 Annual Conference**

**Hosted by Garden Club of Ohio, Inc**

**October 25-26, 2018**

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin 614-790-9000

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

Tri-Refresher: Additional cost \$70

**Conference Speakers Include:**

Columbus Zoo Ambassadors (Think Jack Hanna....not that he will be there, but his friends will)

Debra Knapke, The Garden Sage, author and well know speaker

Barbara Schuh, Designer and two time Designer of the Year for Vision of Beauty

**Workshop Speakers include:**

Dr. Heather White, from Texas, speaking on plants with a purpose

Michele Thomas, Pollinator Plants in the Landscape

Carol Johnson, Flat Flowers

Barbara Hilyard, Growing Micro Greens

Ohio Gourd Society, Growing and Using Gourds

Leaf Manipulation

**Tours:** Tri-Refresher Tour includes (you do not need to be refreshing to take this tour):

Byrd Research Facility, Lazarus LEED building and Roof Top Garden, Topiary Garden, and Franklin Park Conservatory Children's Garden: Cost \$70

Historic Tour of Dublin includes: The Worlds Largest Corn, A Native American, An Arts Council and more..... Cost: \$35

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**Tri-Refresher Chairman:** Pat Rupiper, [patrupiper@gmail.com](mailto:patrupiper@gmail.com)

Full registration will be available in the summer newsletter.

**DIRECTORS’ PROJECT – 2017-2019**

**Plant America..... “knowledge is key to success”**

Our Director, Regina Brown has proposed a project giving all CAR-SGC members an opportunity to receive one grant (scholarship) per year to each of the seven states.

The project will use the NGC school program to advance the knowledge made available to all CAR-SGC members. Interested members will be able to broaden their education in areas of Environmental, Flower Show School, Gardening and Landscape Design.

Any student attending a school course, refresher or symposium is eligible to be considered for the grant (scholarship). The grant of \$150 will help to defray the expense of attending one of the NGC school programs.

Why not attend one of the NGC school programs or start on the adventure of learning the subjects so important to our garden club goals and objectives? You may be one of the lucky winners to receive the proposed grant.

What a way to acknowledge, “Plant America ...knowledge is key to success”, by attending one of the schools offered by NGC.

What a way to share the education learned about all phases of gardening than to communicate with club members and your local community projects.

*Jeanne T. Nelson, Chairman*

**From Our States:**

**Delaware**



**Designs Through the Decades**

“Cruising through the Royals” –  
Featured Object by Regina Brown

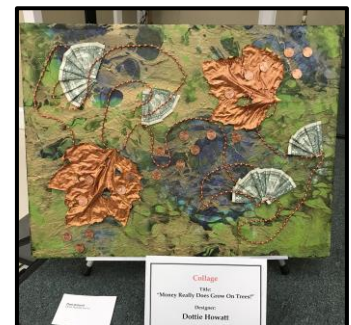
**Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs Celebrates**

**60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee - 1958-2018**

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs celebrated its 60th anniversary on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, when members of twenty-four Delaware garden clubs gathered for their annual spring meeting in Dover, Delaware. Attendees honored past presidents, celebrated the history of individual member clubs, welcomed Four Seasons Gardeners of Heritage Shores as the newest member of the organization and enjoyed a wonderful program of stunning “Designs through the Decades” that was presented by members of the Delaware Judges Council.

**HISTORY:** Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs was established in 1958 when several Delaware garden clubs formed a federation under guidelines from the National Council of State Garden Clubs in St. Louis, Missouri, now known as National Garden Clubs, Inc. The goals and objectives of this new organization were to provide education for member clubs in all phases of gardening, floral design, landscape design and community involvement through courses, programs and innovative flower shows on conservation of natural resources, environmental concerns, civic development and community outreach.

“Money Really Does Grow on Trees!” –  
Collage by Dottie Howatt



**TODAY:** Member garden clubs of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs are located throughout the state, from Countryside Garden Club in Northern New Castle County to Barefoot Gardeners in Southern Sussex County, including four that have been members since it was founded in 1958 and four new clubs established since 2016. We continue to embrace the original goals and objectives of this organization today while supporting these ongoing



projects: PLANT AMERICA, TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, TREE-mendous Delaware Membership Growth and The Memorial Garden at the Center for Families of the Fallen at Dover Air Force Base.



“Go with the Flow” - Synergistic Design by Carol Callaghan

**TRIBUTE:** There were many tributes offered at this anniversary celebration - to past and present Presidents and CAR Directors, current members, and all who have contributed to the longevity and success of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. This citation from the Delaware Governor’s office nicely summarized them all:

“On behalf of Delawareans across the First State, Governor Carney and Lieutenant Governor Hall-Long recognize the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs on the momentous occasion of their 60th anniversary. The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs has been a resource for garden clubs throughout the state since 1958. This nonprofit organization’s dedication to the fine arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design, horticulture and conservation are admirable and appreciated by all. This tribute brings with it sincere gratitude for the dedicated work of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs and best wishes for the future.”



“Sunny Sixties” - Creative Line & Creative Mass by Susan Newark



“Black and White & Red All Over” – Stretch Design by Elizabeth Kramarck



“May Pole” – Grouped Mass by Alice Witterholt

*Photos and Text by Margaret Woda, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs*

## Maryland

### President’s theme: Planting Maryland From The Mountains To The Ocean



The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. had a booth at the popular Maryland Home and Garden Show at the Timonium Fairgrounds March 3-4, 2018. To attract visitors to our booth, we displayed our two floor-standing banners listing Federation information:



“Happy Mother’s Day!” – Functional Tray by Cindy Born

National, State and Local projects, Councils, Schools, Workshops, Conservation and Environmental Awareness topics and counties in each of our Districts. A popular attraction was table top dress forms decorated and submitted by each of our Districts. We had eleven displays, with handouts, plus a TV showing some exciting floral designs. The TV brought many people deeper into our booth. Hostesses wore bright yellow hats with floral decorations. The hats drew lots of attention and comments as off-duty hostesses walked around the show. All those that commented were invited to visit our booth. The State Membership Chairman, who coordinated the event, will follow up on the many applications completed at the show.

**Diana Bonner**  
**FGCMD State President**



Diana Bonner, FGCMD State President; Pat Legters, Director, Bunny Burnett, Director; Susie Middleton, Corresponding Secretary and Marjorie Glennan, Membership Chairman



Table Top Dress Form



Floor "banners" with all the information needed about the MD Federation

*Photos by Susie Middleton*

### National Capital Area

NCAGC Gardeners recently gathered together for two days of education, communication, lots of laughs and a NCA Flower Show.

Gardeners from all four Districts met & mingled, sharing our common goals and learning more about our communities. Our speakers were as varied as our many interests, and each received great praise—



Kathleen Biggins spoke about Climate Change; Chuck Schuster spoke about Food—history & health; and Cathy Graham talked about her new book, “Second Bloom” and we learned a bit about her life and her decorating style---fun & flowers!

Many of our clubs sent in photos of their President’s Projects gardens, “A Garden for Every Garden Club”, our statewide project showcasing our clubs in our communities and NCA’s own “Plant America”. We heard from clubs that take care of library gardens and community gardens, and from clubs that take care of multiple gardens—all great projects and ALL making a great difference in our communities!

Our NCA Flower Show, “Spring Forward—Celebrating NCA & Growing Together”, was a highlight! We had many new NGC designs from



both experienced and brand new designers—lots of new designers were proud ribbon winners. One of the main purposes of the Show is education, and our judges provided helpful, instructive comments for the designers.

AND the workshops!!! We had workshops in many areas— in Botanical Arts like leaf monoprints, photography, herbal vinegars, a talk & walk about with our experts—and the new Writers’ Workshop! We had two full days of hands-on floral design, kicked off by Paige Canfield’s “Think Outside the Vase!” presentation on Saturday morning.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE AMAZING NCA GROUP TRIP TO THE NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW! YES! You can bring friends & family! Please contact Ronnie Levay [lslusship@aol.com](mailto:lslusship@aol.com) with any questions! More information is online at our website—ncagardenclubs.org

**Robin Hammer**  
President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs

**New Jersey**

**“MAGICAL MOMENTS!”**

Members of The Garden Club of New Jersey indeed created “Magical Moments” for all who visited the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in late February. Chaired by Carol English with an enthusiastic and talented Committee to assist her, the Standard Flower Show was a delight to experience. A pair of castle towers welcomed the visitors and set the mood.



The show featured 56 floral designs, 214 horticulture entries, 250 botanical arts entries, 166 youth entries and 230 photographs. The entries were of very high quality as evidenced by the

18 -90+ designations given in the design division’s 16 classes.

The show featured many new items from the 2017 Handbook for Flower Show. These included: In the design section- Mass, Low Profile and Cascade designs as well as a companion class. In the Botanical Arts Division- miniature themed gardens, arboreal specimens displayed without leaves as well as dried flowers, leaves and seedpods.

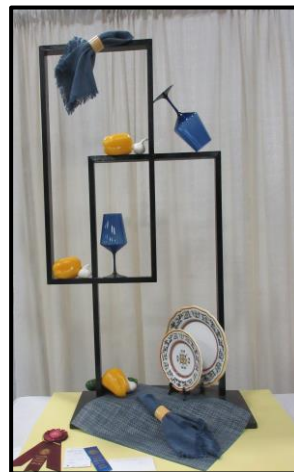
The show, nearly a year in the making, culminated in a week filled with hard work, camaraderie and sheer joy. The show was viewed and enjoyed by thousands of visitors.

**Louise Davis**  
President, The Garden Club of New Jersey

**Designs from “Magical Moments”**



Cascade



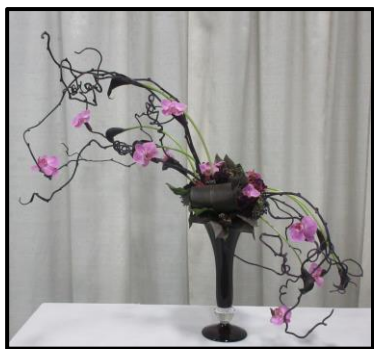
Exhibition Table





Low Profile

Photos by Caroline Carbaugh



## New York

### Trees: New York State's Greatest Resource



Trees, trees of life, are one of the greatest resources of the State of New York. The state is located in North America's Eastern Forest Ecosystem. "In fact, 63% of the state is covered in forest; that

is an acre of forest for every resident," according to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.).

Originally, when the first settlers from Europe located their homes on this land, our state was almost completely covered in needled evergreen forests, primarily White Pine. The prevalence of Evergreen forest meant that the climate then was colder. Evergreens need a cooler climate to thrive.

By the mid-1800s, forest land had shrunk by 75%. Evergreens were harvested for boards, turpentine and tar used in the shipping industry. New York City was established as a major seaport. The land was also heavily cleared for agriculture and to build log cabins. New York State was the breadbasket of the early colonies. Grain was primarily grown in the Genesee and Mohawk Valleys.

Once the Erie Canal was constructed, settlers moved to the central plains of North America and we learned how to plow the rich grasslands, the breadbasket of the country shifted West. Farms were abandoned, and the land reverted to forest: an example of nature's natural ecosystem. Also, during one spring thaw when the Erie Canal was flooded, and the mules could not pull the barges, the New York government put a quick end to the extensive tree harvesting by creating the Adirondacks preserve. Too many trees, which had prevented seasonal erosion, had been cut down. The income from the Erie Canal was essential to pay for all the services New York State provided (no state taxes). That canal had to function! An example of economics influencing nature.

Today, New York is dominated by deciduous mixed hardwood forests, proof that the climate is warmer. *Seventy-six percent of all our forest land is privately owned.* The DEC manages most of the remaining forest land in the form of ecological preserves, state parks, etc... *We have no National Park in this state, because our State Park System existed before the National Park System was founded.*

New York State is also rich in Urban Forests. Forty percent of all community lands are covered by trees: parks and street trees. I remember before the American Elm tree was eradicated, some streets in Buffalo looked like green cathedrals. Now we watch Ash trees die in mass, as the Emerald Ash Borer does its damage.

On Arbor Day, April 27, we try to remember that (1) Trees fight global warming because they take carbon dioxide from the air and fix the carbon in wood, (2) Trees in the landscape increase the



value of our home by 15%, and (3) Trees are also a home for birds and other small creatures.

When did you last plant a tree? Did you ever plant one? Trees are the solution to many global issues. And since they grow so well in New York State, when we plant one tree we help the rest of the World.

In keeping with the Plant America NGC initiative, consider planting a tree this spring.

**Monica Hansen**  
**President, FGCNYS**

**Pennsylvania**



Pennsylvania is proudly looking forward to the 89th Annual National Convention "LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia" on May 20-24. More information is available on the NGC website <http://www.nationalgardenchubs.org>.

The GCFP Annual Convention will be held April 15-17, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Meadow Lands, Washington, PA. For more information and to register, visit our state website [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org).

NGC Schools to be conducted in 2018 are:  
Flower Show School: Course III, April 24-26 at Hampton Inn & Suites, 4 Holiday Blvd, Mercer, PA  
Gardening School: Course III, August 20-21 at 1756 Uwchlan Meeting House, 5 North Village Avenue Exton, PA 19341

All school information can be found on the GCFP website [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org).

Looking forward to welcoming you at National Convention!

**Chris Leskosky**  
**GCFP, President 2017-2019**  
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*The Rain Forest Entrance at the Phila. Flower Show*  
*Photo by Caroline Carbaugh*

**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.carsgc.org](http://www.carsgc.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<sup>st</sup>**

**State District Director deadline-----July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**State Deadline-----August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**CAR Perennial Bloom Chairman ----August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**

**Contact the**

**CAR PERENNIAL BLOOM CHAIRMAN, Gail Corle,**  
**with any questions and/or concerns.**

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***Caroline Carbaugh, Editor***

**CAR/SGC Tri Refresher  
For Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design School  
Consultants and Guests  
October 25, 2018**

**Pre-Registration required by Sept 28, 2018**

Location: Embassy Suites 5100 Upper Metro Pl, Dublin, OH, US, 43017

Those wishing to refresh their Landscape Design, Gardening or Environmental School credentials ***should plan to attend the full eight (8) hours October 25.*** Those not attending the convention full time will have the cost of the evening dinner (\$75 additional dollars) added to their fee.

For clarification, contact Pat Rupiper 614-423-8646; or send email to: [patrupiper@gmail.com](mailto:patrupiper@gmail.com)  
I will send you the refresher form that you must send with Payment.

**Schedule for Thursday Oct. 25, 2018**

- Bus Tour: 7:45 – 1:30 p.m. Including Lunch
  - Board Bus from Embassy Suites
  - Byrd Glacial Laboratory
  - Lazarus LEED Bldg. and Roof Garden
  - Topiary Park
  - Franklin Park Conservatory – Lunch and Children’s Garden Tour
  - Back to Hotel at 1:45p.m.
- Seminar’s: 2:00- 4:30 at Embassy Suites
  - House Plants with a Purpose
  - Pollinator Plants in the Landscape
- Dinner: Embassy Suites 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
  - Zoo Ambassador’s and their Handlers – each unique story
  - Required for Refresher credit

**The cost of this tri-refresher is \$70**

(and includes all admission fees, bus tour, lunch, seminars and printed materials) \$70

If attending tri-refresher **only**, the fee is **\$145** \$145

You *must* add \$5 for *Each Refresher* credit requested. \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to: CAR/SGC 2018 Conference Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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