



# DFGC 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Garden Club Members,  
I am excited to start my two year term as DFGC President! Spring has sprung with the lovely new bright green growth coming up everywhere due to the April showers. The May flowers should put on a spectacular show and we, as avid gardeners, cannot wait. What a great April State meeting we had at Cripple Creek Country Club! Great sunny day, great food, great speaker, and of course, great gardening friends! As you heard, our new NGC President's Theme is Plant America. So, following along with Nancy Hargroves' National Theme, my president's projects are: TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at the new Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek and TREE-mendous Delaware Membership Growth. We all know the importance of trees to our environment and we also know that membership growth is vital to our organization. You will be hearing more about our Delaware TREE projects very soon. I look forward to working with our new DFGC board and club presidents. I have learned so much from our DFGC members and learned that there is so much more to learn. Hope to see you at our State Meeting on June 21 at Dover Downs for more fun!

Lisa

## **Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs President's Project 2017-2019**

TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at the Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek



We all know how important trees are to our environment and the huge role they play in our lives. Since our past efforts of Dimes for Delaware was so successful at reforestation here in Delaware, the Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek is in need of tree plantings for interest and buffering special areas of their new gardens. We have the opportunity of partnering with them to plant trees and also to specify a \$100 planting in honor of or in memory of or just to honor your own club. This listing of clubs and honorees will appear on our DFGC website ongoing and will be linked from the Delaware Botanic Gardens website to this listing. The clubs will receive a thank you from the DBG as well as a certificate. A form also available on our DFGC website will need to be completely filled out by the club and sent in for recognition with a check made out to the DFGC. Once received, the information and check will be sent to the DBG monthly. I hope that all our clubs will support my President's Project – TREE-mendous Tree Planting at DBG.

**DELAWARE FEDERATION OF GARDEN  
CLUBS PRESENTS  
TRASH TO TREASURE GARDEN ART –  
GARDEN GLAMOUR**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

Please join us on June 21, 2017 9:30 at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino at 1131 No. Dupont Hwy, Dover. We will meet in the Diamond Room (4 th Floor) for our Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs State Meeting, luncheon and program. The program will be presented by Dotti Howatt and Lisa Arni.

The cost is \$30. Deadline for reservations is June 9.

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Hope you can join us!



**AWARDS**

**National Garden Week is June 4 – 10, 2017.** National Garden Club (NGC) will give a Certificate of Merit and \$100 donation by The Garden Club of SC, Inc. for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week; entry should show community awareness throughout the entire week and include local and / or state proclamations.

Please consider doing this for your community and in addition give recognition to your fellow gardeners.

Several DFGC's awards will be presented at the DFGC's June 21st luncheon. Presidents of the State will be given a packet for their Awards chairs at the President's meeting in July.

## Thank You from Marty

I want to thank everyone for the encouragement and support I have received during my tenure as DFGC President. That includes the Officers, Board, Club Presidents and all of the DFGC members.

People were asking me on April 19<sup>th</sup> if I was glad that my term was over. I replied not really because I truly enjoyed getting to know many of the members better, visiting club meetings to install officers, participating in garden and Blue Star marker dedications, or hearing a special program speaker.

Representing DFGC at NGC Board meetings, National Conventions, and at the CAR Conferences was an honor.

It was interesting to hear what was going on and what problems the other State Presidents in our were facing, and to work to assure that the CARSGC (Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc) will continue to play an important role in our region.



I thank you for choosing me as the 2015-2017 DFGC President.

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR JUNE 2015 - APRIL 2017

As of April 19, 2017, an amazing thirty-four Delaware Federated Garden Club members have been nominated by their respective clubs for Life Memberships over the past two years. At the recent April DFGC meeting at Cripple Creek, the most recent five Life members were recognized:

**Barefoot Gardeners Club:** A member of the club since 2010, **Junis Adkins** is notably recognized in the community as a successful business-woman as well as a talented artist. The Barefoot Gardeners have directly benefitted from her many contributions, not only via donations for the silent auction, use of special equipment like photo screens but also with her artwork that has graced the covers of yearbooks and flower show programs.

**Canterbury Garden Club:** Both **Marge McQuade** and **Barbara Strobel** were given well deserved surprise nominations. Marge was recognized for her longtime service as Vice President, President and Treasurer. She has also created the yearbook and held the Christmas Feast for many years. Likewise, Barbara has served as either Vice President or President for four years. She has also worked on the Mary Campbell Center Christmas tree each year as well as chaired many successful fundraisers.

**Gardeners by the Sea Garden Club:** The third surprise nominee of the day was **Kathy Lesperance**, who joined her club as one of the founding members in 2004. Since that day, she has been very actively working on many committees and projects, such as the Victory Garden, Lord Baltimore School gardens, Justin's Beach House, DNREC Native Plant Sale and Coastal Beach cleanups. Her fellow members noted that she fills in whenever help is needed. She is a true asset!

**Milford Garden Club:** There can never be too many surprises! And so, **Susan Newark** was also recognized as a valued member since 2006. An accredited flower show judge, Susan has additionally served her club as Secretary, Vice President and the recently elected President.

In conclusion, clubs that wish to recognize outstanding service by their various members are encouraged to say "thank you" and "congratulations" by filling out Life Membership forms that can be obtained from the new Membership Chairman ([abhutchinson47@gmail.com](mailto:abhutchinson47@gmail.com)) or from the DFGC website. The money that has been raised over the last two years totals \$1700, which was added to the DFGC scholarship fund. This is a thank you gift that keeps on giving ... let's keep it growing!

**Unfortunately, we missed Vicki's column in the last edition of the newsletter. My apologies! Here it is:**

### **Twenty-Two DFGC Members Nominated for Life Memberships in 2016!**

An active and productive year for the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC) is reflected by the amazing number of members who have been nominated by their clubs for Life Memberships during the past twelve months.

Two such outstanding women, **Mary Noel** from *Spade & Trowel* and **Lisa Arni** from *Gardeners by the Sea* have been recognized with National Garden Clubs (NGC) Life Memberships. As reported earlier, **Mary Noel** received her NGC recognition in March 2016 when her colleagues surprised her with the award. Mary has long been an active member of the Spade & Trowel as instrumental force behind many of her club's projects. She also was the Co-Chairman of the very successful 2014 CAR Conference.

**Lisa Arni** also served as the Co-Chairman for the same conference. In addition, she has been working as the First Vice-President of the DFGC for the past two years and will be installed as the DFGC President this spring. In spite of all that she has accomplished including becoming a NGC accredited Flower Show Judge, Lisa appeared very surprised when she was called to the podium during the November 16 DFGC meeting to receive her certificate and pin from President Marty Rushlow.

This same meeting saw three members of the **Barefoot Gardeners Club** honored for their activities in their club, which nominated them for DFGC Life Memberships: A member of the club since 2007, **Sue Clark** has been a Co-Chairman of the Youth Summer Reading Program ever since her son volunteered her talents. Sue is a retired teacher who loves to inspire children with lessons about the beach environment and especially butterflies, which she orders every year so that the children can watch them develop from a chrysalis to the magical moment when they fly away. This summer, Sue also kept busy with our flower show hospitality as well as the SEAs the Day project that helps our wounded veterans enjoy a week at the beach.

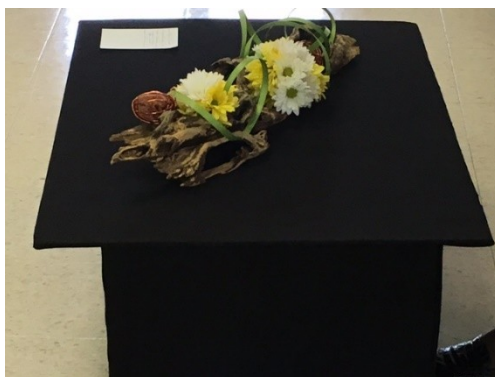
Another Barefoot Gardener, **Judy Dayhoff** is the Club's "Computer Wizard," who serves as the Second Vice-President as well as the Chairman of the award-winning yearbook. In addition, she has faithfully collected money for the former Dimes for Delaware which has now transformed into the Dollars for the Delaware Botanic Garden program. While there is not enough time to list all of her wonderful achievements in other club projects, everyone recognizes that Judy is a wonderful asset to the Club.

**Carol McCloud**, the current President of the Barefoot Gardeners, was recognized for her boundless energy in organizing the Club's recent *2016 Coast-ing Along* Small Standard Flower Show. In just this past year, Carol has been successfully involved in the Club's Blue Star Memorial project, the annual Spring Plant Sale, the Harvest Party, the development of a partnership with the Delaware Botanic Gardens as well as finalizing the Club's 501(c) 3 status and planning for a garden tour next June. Always kind and patient regardless of the stress level, Carol makes everyone feel valued for his/her contributions.

The DFGC Life Membership announcements at the November meeting concluded with another special surprise when **Pat Faatz** from the **Moonflower Garden Club** was called to the podium to receive recognition for her years of dedication and hard work. Pat is described by her Moonflower friends as a "Member Extraordinaire!" When she joined in 2003, Pat became the Club's liaison with the Red Clay Presbyterian Church where the group met. From 2003 to 2005 she chaired the Goodstay Gardens project. Other leadership involvement included becoming the Vice-President and Program Chairman from 2004 to 2006 before moving onto the role of the Club's President in 2005-2006. From 2006 until 2014, Pat took on the job of the Club's photographer, carefully documenting all of the activities. In addition, Pat hosted the Greens Decorating fundraising in her basement for many years.

Additional Life Membership announcements have already been scheduled for the April 2017 meeting... but we always have time for more. Records indicate that 346 DFGC members have been honored with this recognition. If there is someone in your club whose efforts warrant a special thank you, please contact Vicki Carmean ([vlcarmean@verizon.net](mailto:vlcarmean@verizon.net)). Applications are also available on the DFGC website; all funds are dedicated to the DFGC Scholarship account.

**Joy Ericson presented six new designs to guests from North Wilmington and members of the Judges Council. The event was hosted by Brandywine Garden Club.**



# Brandywine Garden Club

One of our projects is supporting a women's shelter in Wilmington. We weeded and planted in the fall and did more weeding in the spring. With the help of an Eagle Scout, we will do more cleanup and planting including some vegetables.



Then we decided to support them with food and supplies. In December we filled the trunk of a car with food items, in February another trunk load of paper products, and in March toiletries and more paper products.

Pictured here: Lois Morris, Lois Golian, chairman of project, and Pat Kerth, club president.



In April our club collected money and bus passes and made Easter baskets for the six women and three children living in the shelter.

Our other project is maintaining a children's garden at the Brandywine Hundred Library. This includes planting for pollinators and maintaining a bird

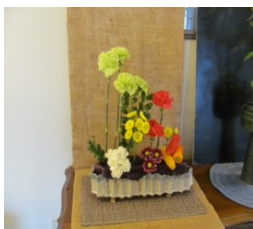
feeder and bird houses. We have a spring and fall cleanup, a planting session in the spring, and weekly watering and weeding during the spring, summer and early fall. Here are Susan Barefoot returning a refurbished birdhouse to the garden and Karen Batt filling our birdfeeder.



Brandywine Garden Club is planning a flower show on May 24 with the title "The Edible Landscape". To help our members plan for their designs incorporating fruit and vegetables, we had a workshop in February. These are some of the designs. The first two pictures are small designs, That is why there is a ruler in the first picture. Karen Batt did the large designs, and Carol Callaghan did the four small ones.



The Edible Landscape  
 Wed, May 24, 2017 from 1-4  
 At St Alban's Center  
 913 Wilson Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803



## Barefoot Gardeners

### The Barefoot Gardeners Club Are “Off and Running”

The winter is over, and now the Barefoot Gardeners Club (Club) can enjoy several of the benefits of their past labors. The daffodils,



planted in the median of Fenwick Island by the Club in a past year, have bloomed; the

Fenwick Island town pots have been refurbished by the Club once again; and by the time of the publication of this newsletter, the Club’s annual plant sale on Mother’s Day weekend will have taken place.



The Club, in recent years, has partnered with a retirement community, Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, and on April 13<sup>th</sup>, our Club was asked to help the residents of Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island make flower arrangements. The residents then took their masterpieces to their rooms to enjoy for the Easter Holiday. I’m not sure who had more fun - the residents or the 7 Club members that volunteered.



We had 9 Club members attend the DFGC State Meeting at Cripple Creek on April 19, 2017. The speaker was Gregg Tepper, Director of Horticulture at Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, who is an Honorary Member of our Club. Another member of the Club, Junis Adkins, received her Life Membership Certificate and Pin from DFGC Membership Chairman, Vicki Carmean, and new DFGC President, Lisa Arni. Pictured, from left to right, is Junis Adkins, Vicki Carmean and Judy Dayhoff, the new Barefoot Gardeners Club president.

**Save the Date!!!** The Barefoot Gardeners Club would like to extend an invitation to everyone to its *Coastal Garden Tour*, June 29, 2017, from 10 AM until 3 PM, rain or shine. There will be 10 gardens in the greater Fenwick Island area ready for your viewing pleasure. Proceeds from the *Coastal Garden Tour* will benefit Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek. The flower pictured to the right has been found in one of the gardens that will be on the tour. Come see which garden that is. Additional information and tickets are available by contacting Karen Dudley by email: [kdudley22@gmail.com](mailto:kdudley22@gmail.com). Tickets will also be available at the Barefoot Gardeners Club’s annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12, 2017, from 8 AM until 1 PM, and on Sunday, May 13, 2017, from 9 AM until Noon, 1600 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island, DE, 19944. Additionally, tickets

will be sold at Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island, DE, 19944, on weekends in May and June. Tickets purchased prior to the Tour will be \$25; tickets purchased on the day of the Tour, at each of the gardens, will be \$30. We invite you to our *Coastal Garden Tour*.

*Coastal Garden Tour*  
PRESENTED BY THE  
*Barefoot Gardeners Club*



June 29, 2017  
Gardens are Open 10am to 3pm  
Rain or Shine

Proceeds to Benefit The Delaware Botanic Gardens  
of Pepper Creek & Other Community Projects



# Gardeners By The Sea

**Garden Therapy** - We meet at the Pyle Center monthly except in the summer and usually are prepared to make 10 to 12 arrangements. We prepare the greens, flowers, soak the oasis and cut it to fit into the containers that we are using that day, so the ladies only need to make their arrangements. Although it is often hard, we try to coach the ladies with the arrangements but not do them for them. We used spring flowers in March which were mostly yellow and white. They were lovely. Did not meet in April. In May we are putting little plants into tea cups the saucers glued onto the cups.



**Lord Baltimore School Gardens** - GBTS members maintain the front garden, rain garden and the buffer gardens at the Ocean View. We started these gardens in 2007 with the guidance from the Center of Inland Bays and we have been refurbishing, weeding, trimming, and adding natural chemicals to assist in growth of our native plants and discourage persistent phragmites. Our club performs these duties at least 4 times a year. We have 14 members on the committee.



Gardeners by the Sea and the 2nd graders at Lord Baltimore Elementary School look forward to using the outdoor classroom upgraded by an Eagle Scout.”

**Scholarship Award** - Maureen Eisenhart and Alva Hutchison attended the scholarship recipient luncheon on March 15, 2017 at the Delaware Technical Community college. Our garden club’s scholarship award student is Fernando Nataleno. He spoke to the audience about how grateful he was to get our help. There were others who spoke about how they benefited from their scholarships also. We received a thank you note and spent time getting to know him and his wife.

**Youth Program** – The committee meets once a month and there are about 24 students . After discussing the water cycle, reading a book and journaling, the 2nd graders had fun constructing a terrarium. We constructed 4 terrariums as a group project.”



**‘TREE-mendous Delaware’** - Gardeners by the Sea hosted the April meeting of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs meeting. Lisa Arni is our Club founder and was installed as the incoming State President. Lisa has chosen ‘TREE-mendous Delaware’ as her President's Project. In recognition of Lisa, we prepared woodland scene centerpieces. Twelve Club members gathered at Lord's Landscaping, a local garden center, for a workshop to plant the dish garden centerpieces. We added a branch of the native dogwood tree. “Centerpieces made for DFGC April meeting”

A **flower show, “Visual Vacation”** (free to the public) will be held by GBTS on June 23rd 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and June 24th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be a standard flower show with a garden tour and plant sale, as well. Advance tickets for the garden tour will be \$10.00. The flower show and garden tour will be held in the Salt Pond community. The club house is located at 400 Bethany Loop, Bethany Beach, DE. Tickets are available for purchase by going to [gardenersbtstickets@gmail.com](mailto:gardenersbtstickets@gmail.com). There are 4 lovely gardens to be toured. Hope you can join us.

# Sussex Gardeners

## *Sussex Gardeners*

### **Garden Tour, Luncheon, and Raffle ~ FAQs**

**What is the date of the tour?**

Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**Is there a rain date?**

No.

**What is the price?**

In advance -- \$25; Day of the tour -- \$30

**How do I pay?**

Cash or check made out to "Sussex Gardeners"

**What does my ticket include?**

Your ticket includes a luncheon at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior's Fellowship Hall (20276 Bay Vista Road, behind Big Fish). The lunch features homemade treats including a chicken salad sandwich, tomato basil soup, Caesar salad, bottled water, and cookies/baked goods. The sites on the tour are self-guided. Inside your ticket/booklet a number of merchants that support the garden club are offering discounts on goods and services.

**Anything else?**

Yes! At the luncheon, you may purchase raffle tickets for goodies offered by many of your favorite local merchants and talented members of the club! Winners will be drawn the day of the tour, but you need not be present to win. The gardeners are hosting a sale of plants and garden-related items including native bee houses.

**Where are the gardens?**

The tour visits gardens in the Rehoboth Beach Yacht and Country Club and Canal Corkran communities. Local artists will be painting at the gardens.

**Where can I purchase tickets for the tour?**

Browseabout Books in Downtown Rehoboth, Good Earth Markets (behind Bin 66 on Route 1 in Rehoboth), and the Cape Artists Gallery on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Lewes. Members of Sussex Gardeners also have access to tickets or you can send an email to [sussexgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:sussexgardeners@gmail.com). On the day of the tour, tickets will be available for sale at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior's Fellowship Hall.

**Any further questions?**

Janet Point  
Sussex Gardeners,  
Ways and Means,  
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## Middletown-Odessa Garden Club

### DFGC Newsletter- May 2017

**Middletown-Odessa Garden Club** presented a check for \$250 to Troy Nuss, Chief Development Officer with NCC Habitat for Humanity at our February Meeting. Troy is pictured with John Kramarck, VP of our Garden Club. Monthly collections will continue in hopes of helping Habitat further for this wonderful cause.



**Middletown Odessa Garden Club** is pleased to announce that we have become members of the Clean Water Alliance. Clean water is essential to everyone and our Club supports this initiative 100%.

Our Club continues to maintain the Corbit Sharp Gardens in Odessa, Cochran Square in Middletown and the Pocket Park on Main.

**The Middletown-Odessa Garden Club's Seed Library**, the first of its kind in Delaware, is now up and running again at the Corbit Calloway Memorial Library! We are happy to report that last year, over 175 packets of seeds were taken.

The Corbit Calloway Memorial Library will again be having their annual fundraiser, **MayFest**, on Saturday May 6 from 9am-3pm and our Club will have a sales table.

## Garden Gate Garden Club

Our club is now a proud member of Delaware's Clean Water Alliance. At our April 12 meeting at Mt. Cuba a slate of officers was presented and voted in. Our new officers elected for a 2 year term are:

President – Marian Simpson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Carol Clement  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Dodo Newlin  
Treasurer - Laura Snead  
Recording Secretary - Elaine Hickey  
Corresponding Secretary - Elaine Pataky

Our current President's theme is Gardens Near and Far. Our club has and will be traveling to many gardens. Several of our members have recently returned from London, England where several gardens were visited. The trip was led by our own travel agent Dianne Moore. As this was an educational trip, those on the trip will present a report to the club on what they learned. Pictured below at Great Dixter are: Left to right - top row - Suzanne Smith, Elaine Hickey, Dianne Moore, Barbara Noseworthy, Joy Ericson Bench – Margie Payne, Pat kermes



## Spade & Trowel



Spade & Trowel Garden Club presents  
*'Through the Garden Gate'*  
A tour of eight gardens in Seaford, DE  
Saturday, June 3, 2017 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Look for the white  
picket fence gate at  
each home.  
Last tours start  
at 3:30 p.m.

**Guidebook must be presented  
at each garden as admission.**

**Advance price, \$15**

**"Day of", \$20; Lunch, \$10**

**Additional tickets available June 3 at  
Nanticoke River Yacht Club**

Now that it's spring, it's time for the Spade & Trowel Garden Club to swing into action!

After a wonderful bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show in March, members were treated to a workshop on corsage making in April, presented by Mary Noel, first vice president, who grew up helping in her parents' florist shop. Mary held the workshop in her home and offered a delightful brunch to attendees.

Several members carpooled to Annapolis, Md., later in April to visit the home of Nancy and Pierre Moitrier, owners of Designs for Greener Gardens. Almost every inch of their corner lot was filled with plants, and a treehouse that looked to be part of the tree itself dominated the site. After lunch at an Irish restaurant, members filled their cars with plants purchased at Homestead Gardens in nearby Davidsonville.

Representatives of the club attended a luncheon at Del Tech in Georgetown where \$1,000 scholarships were presented by the club to Trey Harrington and Shannon Pusey. On April 4, the club presented a \$250 donation to Greg Tepper for the Delaware Botanic Garden in Dagsboro.

In May, many hands made quick work replanting the baskets on two bridges in downtown Seaford, along with containers at several businesses and City Hall. The club's newest project was planting a rain garden at the Governor Ross Plantation, in cooperation with the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship's Reclaim Our River program, Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, Delaware Nature Society, Sussex Conservation District and the Seaford Historical Society.

We invite everyone to attend our "Through the Garden Gate" tour of eight gardens in the Seaford area on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket/guidebooks are available from club members or by contacting Barbara Fletcher at (302) 629-4778. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 day of. A box lunch may be pre-ordered for \$10. Lunches will be available at the Nanticoke Yacht Club, where you can browse vendors' tables for plants, crafts and garden-related items. For more information, visit online at [www.seafordspadeandgardenclub.org](http://www.seafordspadeandgardenclub.org).

## Duck Creek Gardeners



*A Day at Longwood Gardens - In Smyrna*

With Jim Sutton, Renowned Longwood Gardens' Display Designer

June 4, 2017 Smyrna Opera House 1pm-4pm

Seating Limited Tickets \$35.00 Contact Alice 302.653.5722 or Carol 302.632.4711

Experience his Floral Designs up close and personal and a presentation of his spectacular Combination Plantings.



## Milford Garden Club

The Milford Garden Club had a very successful cookie party in December. Over \$1000.00 was raised for scholarships and community projects.

For the Smokey the Bear Contest we had seventeen children in grades 2 through 5 who participated. There was one winner, the rest received honorable mention. Sandra Mihalik chaired the committee and did an outstanding job.

April and May are busy months for our club. In April the City of Milford hosts a Bug and Bud Festival. We have an information booth at the festival which tells about our club and we sell tomato plants and gardener's gloves there as well. Beverly French, a Milford Garden Club member, was the Grand Marshall for the festival.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual plant sale at the Parson Thorne mansion in Milford.

At the DFGC meeting in April we learned that Barbara DeRue, one of our members, was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. We are so proud of this honor for Barbara and our club.

# Plantation Lakes Garden Club

Plantation Lakes Garden Club celebrated our first anniversary in March 2017 - and what a year it has been! Our club blossomed from an idea in January 2016 to our first formal meeting in February and membership in Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs in March.

During our first year we undertook ten projects and two successful fundraisers to fund them. Yes, you read that right... TEN projects in our first year!



PLGC 2017-2018 Officers: Betty Baeschlin, Doris Nilson, Jan Pallas Dudley, Margaret Wooda, Mary Williford, Marie VenDerWall and Ginger Esposito

The grandest of these new projects is the Millsboro Blue Star Memorial, to be funded in part by the Wine and Cheese Party that we held in February at an historic Millsboro home. Members, guests, and many local residents attended the exclusive event, and most of our members would probably tell you that event was the highlight of our first year.

We had a busy Spring, too, beginning with the election of officers for their first full two year term and an installation luncheon at Ruth's

Chris Steakhouse in Berlin, Maryland.

Then we held a May Basket demonstration for members and non-members in late April, followed by a May Basket display on May 1. Our goal: *To beautify Plantation Lakes one front door at a time.* Take a look at some of our masterpieces...

On May 3, our club hosted members of other garden clubs and non-member



Pat Kircher

Sylvia Heidbreder

Mary Balasi

Mills-

Gale Harley

boro residents for a day trip to Winterthur that included a guided tour of the mansion and the garden. It was a fun and interesting day in the company of many new friends!

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