



# DFGC 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Since the DFGC April installation of officers, we had our first executive board meeting in early May and our first entire board meeting on May 17—same day as our trip to Virginia for the National Convention. What a great, friendly and very large National organization we all belong to. Delaware’s theme, TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at

the DBG and TREE-mendous Delaware Membership growth was the longest theme from one of the smallest states. I am looking forward to the September board meeting in St. Louis.

So many awards were given at our June meeting and so much has been achieved in the past two years by the hard work of our Delaware Federation clubs. You should be very proud of your accomplishments and it was great to recognize them with awards. Our DFGC scholarship winner, Mark Anthony Meloni, attended our meeting and was also awarded an additional \$4,000 National Garden Club scholarship as well.

We now have 19 tree plantings at the Delaware Botanic Gardens due to your overwhelming support of our DFGC TREE-mendous Delaware Tree Planting at the DBG. I thank all the clubs who have already contributed for their generosity. On July 19 we had our DFGC Board meeting , lunch, and Presidents’ meeting. I am looking forward to working with both the board and presidents during my term.

Hope you had a TREE-mendous summer!

Lisa

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

8/12/2017 Breaking news.....

I am so excited to tell you that 6 large trees arrived yesterday to be planted at the Delaware Botanic Garden as part as my president's project Plant America - TREE-mendous Tree Planting at the Delaware Botanic Garden. As you can see from the attached photo, these trees are very large. There are 5 Redbud and 1 Sourwood that will be planted in the area close to the meadow. The meadow planting will begin early September. Thank you all for participating in this project and for your generosity as well. Lisa



**2017 – 2018 DFGC Meeting Programs, Locations and Registrar Information:**Registration opens at 9AM, Coffee will be available**Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

Program: “Container Gardening for the Holidays”  
Presented by Nancy Hargroves  
President, National Garden Clubs

Location: Dover Downs  
1131 North Dupont Highway  
Dover, De 19901

Host Club: Laurel Garden Club

Registrar: Linda Peters  
23 Marathon Drive  
Seaford, De 19973

302 629-6205 [tandlptrs@verizon.net](mailto:tandlptrs@verizon.net)

Deadline: Friday November 3, 2017

**April 18, 2018**

Program: “Design through the Decades”  
Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DFGC  
Presented by the Delaware Judges Council

Location: Modern Maturity Center  
1121 Forrest Ave  
Dover, De 19904

Host Club: Sussex Gardeners

Registrar: Beverly Cook  
8 South Lake Terrace  
Rehoboth Beach, De 19971  
302 226-9257 [redotcook@yahoo.com](mailto:redotcook@yahoo.com)

Deadline: Friday April 6, 2018

**June 20, 2018**

Program: “Topsy, Turvy Tables”  
Presented by Sylvia Deck  
NGC Accredited Life Judge

Location: Outlook at the Duncan Center  
500 W. Loockerman St  
Dover, De 19904

Host Club: The Barefoot Gardeners

Registrar: Liz Lear  
1602 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, De 19944-4453  
302 537-2799 [learhanlon@aol.com](mailto:learhanlon@aol.com)

Deadline: Friday June 8, 2018

Updates will be on the DFGC web page [www.delawarefederationofgardenclubs.org](http://www.delawarefederationofgardenclubs.org)

## YOUTH

### Consider Adopt-A-Seedling Award

As Youth Activities Chairperson, I want to bring the **Adopt-A-Seedling Award** to your attention. No gardening clubs have applied for this award in the last couple of years. It's a great way to involve our youth in the joy and education of gardening and you may earn \$25 for your club. This award was started by Hoe & Hope Gardening Club several years ago and is for DFGC clubs only.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage an interest in horticulture, flower arranging and conservation within the framework of an already existing youth organization, i.e., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, Church Groups, 4-H Clubs, Day Care Centers, etc.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Clubs must present a minimum of three (3) programs and a maximum of five (5) programs to the youth group during the year in order to qualify as an "Adopt-a-Seedling" sponsored group.

Clubs who sponsor a Junior Garden Club are not eligible for this award.

Applications for this award will be available soon on the DFGC website. The deadline for this year is **November 11, 2017**. Questions? Contact Barbara Boyce,

For more questions, information or to place an order, contact Barbara Boyce  
Youth Activities Chairman 302-743-6336 [barbarab@systemsapproachLtd.com](mailto:barbarab@systemsapproachLtd.com)

### TAKING BOOK ORDERS NOW FOR DISTRIBUTION AT DFGC NOVEMBER 15, 2017 MEETING



**~\$13 each**

**(\$13 is an estimated cost per book; books are \$10 each plus shipping)**

**Payment is due at DFGC November meeting.**

*The Saved Seed* is an early reader new book from National Gardening Clubs written to educate elementary children (K through 4th grade) about the life cycle of seed plants. It is written and beautifully illustrated by the same two women who did *The Frightened Frog* book which DFGC promoted in 2015-16.

*The Saved Seed* follows the journey of a pumpkin seed from a Halloween pumpkin through the year becoming a seedling, a vine, and eventually a new pumpkin. Children learn how to care for seeds and how to become successful gardeners.

This book can be distributed to schools, libraries, youth groups, schools, grand kids, and others. You'll even want your own copy. Place your orders **before the end of October, 2017**.

# Youth Activities 2017-18



CONTEST	DEADLINE	THEME for 2017-18	MORE INFO*
Poetry	January 1, 2018	<i>"Let It Grow"</i>	K thru 9th grades (including Special Ed and ESL)
Essay	January 1, 2018	<i>"Community Gardens—A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger"</i>	9th thru 12 grades; \$1000 to national winner; 600 to 700 words
Sculpture	January 1, 2018	<i>Encouraging youth to keep our planet green</i>	4th thru 8th grades
High School Distinguished Service Project	Early December	<i>No theme. Any civic project that makes significant public improvement to environment, landscape, horticulture, recycling, etc.</i>	9th thru 12th grades; \$100 for 1st place; \$50 for 2nd place
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster	Early January	No theme. Allows students to show their understanding of wildfire protection and basic environmental principles.	1st thru 5th grades
Youth Pollinator Garden Grants	No deadline; ends when money has been given out	For garden clubs working with youth to plan and plant pollinator gardens; must had educational component	Grants up to \$200;

\* Full details on all of these contests on the National Gardening Clubs website ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)).

**For more information contact:**

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 302-743-6336, [barbarab@systemsapproachltd.com](mailto:barbarab@systemsapproachltd.com)

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL PUBLISH  
 OCTOBER 18, 2017  
 THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION IS  
 OCTOBER 10, 2017  
[marysuecolaizzi@comcast.net](mailto:marysuecolaizzi@comcast.net)**

# AWARDS

Presented June 21, 2017  
 Club size A under 20 members  
 Club Size B 20 - 29 Members  
 Club Size C 30 - 44 Members  
 Club Size D 45 - 69 Members

	Award	Results	Awarded \$	Club	Club Size
Garden Club Barefoot Gardeners	Yearbook	First	\$32	D	
	President's Award of Excellence: 3rd Place		\$30		
	#1 Birds &/or Butterflies	First	\$32		
	#2 Civic Achievement	First	\$32		
	#4A Horticulture Therapy	Second	\$20		
	#10A Special Achievement	First	\$32		
	#11 Wildflower/Native Plant Preservation	First	\$32		
			<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$210</u></b>
Brandywine	Attendance	First	\$32	D	
	President's Award of Excellence: 4th Place		\$20		
	#1 Birds &/or Butterflies	First	\$32		
	#2 Civic Achievement	First	\$32		
	#2 Civic Achievement	Second	\$20		
	#6 National Garden Week	First	\$32		
	#10B Special Achievement	First	\$32		
			<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$200</u></b>
Countryside				B	
	Yearbook	First	\$32		
	Attendance	Second	\$20		
	President's Award of Excellence: FirstPlace		\$50	Countryside	
	#1 Birds &/or Butterflies	First	\$32		
	#2 Civic Achievement	First	\$32		
	#8B Website	Second	\$20		
	9B Litter Clean up	First	\$32		
	#10B Special Achievement	First	\$32		
			<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$250</u></b>
Duck Creek	Yearbook	Second	\$20	Duck Creek B	
	#5B Decoration of historic bulding	First	\$32		
			<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$52</u></b>

Garden Gate

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Garden Gate	Yearbook	Third	\$15	B	B		
	Attendance	First	\$32				
			<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$47</u></b>			
Gardeners by the Sea	Yearbook	Second	\$20	D	D		
	Attendance	Second	\$20				
	#1 Birds &/or Butterflies	Second	\$20				
	#2 Civic achievement	Third tie	\$15				
	#4A, Hort/garden therapy	Third	\$15				
	#8B Web Site	Second	\$20				
	#8C Publications, other	Second	\$20				
	#9B Roadside Improvement	First	\$32				
	#10A Special Achievement	Third	\$15				
	#10B Special Achievement	Second tie	\$20				
	#12 Stewards of The Environment	First	\$100				
						<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$297</u></b>
	Hoe 'N Hope	Yearbook	Second			\$20	B
Attendance		Third	\$15				
#8A Publication/newsletter		First	\$32				
			<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$67</u></b>			
Laurel	Yearbook	HM	\$10	B	B		
			<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$10</u></b>			
Middletown- Odessa	Yearbook	First	\$32	C			
	Attendance	Second	\$20				
	#2 Civic Achievement	First	\$32				
	#3 Conservation	First	\$32				
	#5A Historic Garden Preservation	First	\$32				
	#5B Historic House Decoration	Second	\$20				
	#7 Public Education	First	\$32				
	#8A Publications Newsletter	First	\$32				
	#8C Publications/other	First	\$32				
	#10A Special Achievement	First	\$32				
			<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$296</u></b>			

Milford				D
	Yearbook	Third tie	\$15	
	Attendance	First	\$32	
	#2 Civic Achievement	Third tie	\$15	
	#4A Horticulture Therapy	Second	\$20	
	#6 National Garden Week	First	\$32	
	#10A Special Achievement	Second	\$20	
	#10B Special Achievement	Second tie	\$20	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154</b>
Moonflower				A
	Yearbook	Third	\$15	
	Attendance	Second	\$20	
	#8C Publications	Second	\$20	
	#9A Roadside Improvement	First	\$32	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87</b>
Plantation Lakes				A
	Yearbook	First	\$32	
	Attendance	HM	\$10	
	#8A Newsletter	First	\$32	
	#8B Website	First	\$32	
	#8C Other	First	\$32	
	#10A Special Achievement	First	\$32	
	#10B Special Achievement	First	\$32	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202</b>
Potpourri				C
	Yearbook	Second	\$20	
	Attendance	First	\$32	
	#4A Horticulture Therapy	First	\$32	
	#5B Decoration of Historic Building	First	\$32	
	#5B Decoration of Historic Building	First	\$32	
	#5B Decoration of Historic Building	Third	\$15	
	#7 Public Education	First	\$32	
	#7 Public Education	Second	\$20	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$215</b>
Red Clay				B
	Yearbook	HM	\$10	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10</b>

Spade & Trowel

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Yearbook	HM	\$10
Attendance	HM	\$10
#4A Horticulture/Garden Therapy	First	\$32
#4B Horticulture/Garden Therapy	First	\$32
#8B, Website	First	\$32
#9A Roadside Improvement	First	\$32

**Total**      **\$148**

Sussex Gardeners

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Yearbook	Third tie	\$15
Attendance	Third	\$15
President's Award of Excellence: 2nd Place		\$40
#2 Civic Achievement	Second	\$20
#4A Horticulture Therapy	First	\$32
#5B, Decoration of an historic building	First	\$32
#5B, Decoration of an historic building	First	\$32
#8C Publications, Garden Tour	First	\$32
#10B Special Achievement	First	\$32

**Total**      **\$250**

Weed & Seed

Attendance      Third      \$15      A      A

**Total**      **\$15**

**Total**      **\$2,510**

Landscape Design award

Landscape Design award money \$50 no application this year.  
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 tion this year.  
 No award is given if the project is solely a donation, or It does not meet the criteria of furthering of

NGC, CAR, and/or DFGC Objectives

No award



President's Standard of Excellence: First Place \$50, 2nd Place \$40, 3rd Place \$ 30, 4th \$20  
Payouts for DFGC Awards: First Place \$32, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$15, Honorable Mention \$10

Garden Gate Garden Club's sponsors the Stewards of the Environment Award (\$100)

Delaware Judges Council presented The Endeavor Award for an Outstanding Flower Show

National Garden Club Awards:

#12-1Ai Newsletter First Place Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit Hoe 'N Hope for their newsletter

#13-8Aii Other Publications First Place Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit Sussex gardeners  
their Garden Tour Book

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#16Ai Yearbooks Central Atlantic Region (< 20 Members. First Place) Plantation Lakes

#51 Ai Decoration of Historic Building Certificate of Merit First Place Duck Creek Gardeners

NGC Certificates of Appreciations to every member of the Spade & Trowel Garden Club for  
Participation in NGC President's Project "Service in Action" in 2015 – 2017

NGC Certificate of Appreciation of Award Participation Barefoot Gardeners Butterflies

Hubert Bond Owen Owens Scholarship to Mark Anthony Meloni

Youth Sculpture Breana Pickens 8th grade 3rd Place (Potpurri Garden Club)

Youth Sculpture Cassidy Cannon 6th grade Honorable mention (Potpourri Garden Club)



## PIET OUDOLF LECTURE AND RECEPTION



Friday, September 8, 2017    Lecture 3:00-5:00PM    Reception 6:00-8:00PM



DELAWARE  
BOTANIC  
GARDENS  
AT PEPPER CREEK

**Piet Oudolf**, world-renowned Dutch meadow designer, nurseryman and author, is best known for the High Line in New York City. Piet will visit Delaware Botanic Gardens (DBG) for a Lecture and Reception. Commissioned to create a two-acre Meadow at DBG, Piet will be guiding the planting of the first part of the meadow at the garden site during the first week of September.

Lecture attendees will also enjoy a sneak preview of an upcoming documentary by Tom Piper about Piet Oudolf. A limited number of Piet's book *Hummelo: A Journey Through a Plantsman's Life* will be available for purchase.

In a separate reception, Piet will interact with fifty guests. Separate tickets are available.

### Friday, September 8

LECTURE | 3:00-5:00 PM | \$45.00

Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes DE 19958

RECEPTION | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | \$200.00

Dogfish Head Inn, 105 Savannah Road, Lewes DE 19958

### Lecture Sponsorship Opportunities

ECHINACEA SPONSOR | \$2,000

- 4 Tickets to the Lecture and 4 tickets to an intimate Reception with Piet
- Recognition in the printed program, Mention in the press release
- Signed copy of Piet's *Hummelo: A Journey Through a Plantsman's Life*

RUDBECKIA SPONSOR | \$1,000

- 2 Tickets to the Lecture and 2 tickets to an intimate Reception with Piet
- Recognition in the printed program, Mention in the press release
- Signed copy of Piet's *Hummelo: A Journey Through a Plantsman's Life*

ASTOR SPONSOR | \$500

- 1 Ticket to the Lecture
- Recognition in the printed program- Signed copy of Piet's *Hummelo: A Journey Through a Plantsman's Life*

## Salt Air Garden Club

In April of 2017, the Salt Air Gardeners of Bethany Beach found the perfect community service project at the Indian River Life Saving Station and Museum. The Life Saving Station personnel had been looking for help with their gardens and were happy to welcome the 13 members from the Salt Air Gardeners who volunteered to improve and maintain their landscape.

The group first met in late April to investigate needs at the location and to collect data on existing plants. It was clear that the gardens needed design improvement and plants needed care. The group began researching native plants that would be happy in a sandy soil and were salt air and drought tolerant. The group met once more in early May to select a design plan. Less than a month from first volunteering for the project, the group completed work at the site on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Care for the beds has continued throughout the summer. A rotating schedule of volunteers was established to insure that someone watered plants and weeded regularly.



To the group's surprise, they were recommended for and won the 2017 DNREC Volunteer Conservation Group of the Year Award. The award ceremony was held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Governor John Carney presented the award to the group's co chair, Marilyn Chaney.

The group is planning to address other areas of the Life Saving Station in phases. The group will focus their next efforts on improving the rain garden that is near the entry to the Life Saving Station gift shop. A fall completion date is anticipated.

# Gardeners By The Sea

## Rave Reviews for Flower Show

**Impressive, Interesting, Fun, Fantastic, Breathtakingly Beautiful...** These were just a few of the many compliments heard from Bethany Beach residents and visitors who attended the “Visual Vacation” Flower Show and Garden Tour on June 23 & 24, 2017 at The Salt Pond community.

**The Flower Show**, sponsored by Bethany’s own Gardeners by the Sea, transported visitors to vacation destinations, weekend getaways, celebrations, and fun vacation experiences through 24 fabulous floral design exhibits. More than 160 Horticulture exhibits provided a showcase of outstanding plant specimens grown by club members. Educational displays introduced show attendees to Native Plants and Pollinators – two topics that generated a lot of interest from club members and show attendees alike.

A highlight of the flower show was the display of hand painted chairs by second graders in Mrs. Whelan’s class at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View. Pictures and thank you notes from children in this class validated the many hours that garden club members spent throughout the year encouraging students’ interest in and appreciation for nature. “The year of planning for this event was evident in this magnificent show,” said club President, Jean Sewald. “The Salt Pond clubhouse has never before looked so wonderful as it did this past weekend!”



**A tour of gardens in The Salt Pond Community** was very popular with flower show attendees. One of the homeowners described his garden as “A Staycation” — there’s no place that his family would rather be! Garden visitors were no doubt inspired by the beauty, landscaping, and thriving plants in each of the very different gardens.

Gardeners by the Sea is one of 23 member clubs of Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. Each club is unique and has its own approach for supporting the interests of their members and the goals and objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

# Sussex Gardeners



The Sussex Gardeners had their annual garden tour, lunch, and plant sale in May. The tour consisted of six local lovely gardens. Several are shown above. They also sold bee houses, bird houses and slightly used garden equipment and books.



## Sussex Gardeners Celebrate 80 Years

On June 17, 1937, eight women came together to form the Nassau Garden Committee. These eight women began the legacy that is continuing to this day in the form of Sussex Gardeners, with a current membership in excess of 50. And this year we celebrated 80 years of friendships, civic beautification projects, love and knowledge of gardening and

floral design. Celebrating the anniversary at our luncheon at Kings Creek Country Club members dressed in vintage attire for the delight of all attending. Left to right: Donna Fellows, Kathy Ackerman, Marty Last, Lucy Fleming, Willa Jones, Karen Coombe.

<p><b>SUSSEX GARDENERS OFFICERS 2017 – 2019</b></p> <p>President                      Karen Coombe          1<sup>st</sup> Vice President          Janet Point          Treasurer                     Tricia Dobrydnio          Recording Secretary      Nancy Katz          Corresponding Secretary Jane Rice</p>	<p><b>THANK YOU ANN CASE</b>          Outgoing President Sussex Gardeners</p> <p>For your leadership          Inspiration          Dedication          Hard Work          Artistic Endeavors          Moving the Organization          to new heights</p>
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## Garden Gate Garden Club

On May 10, 2017 we held an installation of new officers at our meeting. They are (standing left to right): Marian Simpson- President, Elaine Hickey-Recording Secretary, Elaine Pataky- Corresponding Secretary, Carol Clement-1st Vice President, Dodo Newlin - 2nd Vice President, Suzanne Smith – Outgoing President. Seated is Laura Snead –Treasurer. The meeting was “Gardens Near and Far” by Barbara Noseworthy and Diann Moore. Barbara is planning the clubs trip to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Diann will report on some members trip to London. We wore hats to celebrate their return.



May 26, 2017 we held a Memorial Ceremony at the VA Medical Center and placed a wreath in our Blue Star Marker garden.



June 2<sup>nd</sup> was the planting of a pollinator garden at Rocky Run in the Brandywine State Park. Suzanne Smith led this project with the aide of Keith Nevison of Hagley Museum. Planters that day were: Elaine Hickey, Sharen Peckham, Alicia Duffey, Pat & Jim Kermes, Lee Kallos, Diann Moore, Chris Metzler, Al Smith and several much appreciated park employees.



# Barefoot Gardeners



In May we were delighted to present a scholarship to John Evans, a graduate of Indian River High School. John plans to major in Agriculture Business at the Delaware Technical Community College in September.



In June the Club was thrilled to have 3 of its members honored with trees to be planted in their honor as part of the Delaware Federated Garden Clubs' TREE-mendous Planting project at the Delaware Botanic Gardens. The TREE-mendous Planting Project is a special project of the President of the Delaware Federated Garden Clubs, Lisa Arni. Pictured left to right are Elsie Weistling, Bonnie Zonko and Junis Adkins.

The Barefoot Gardeners had a very successful *Coastal Garden Tour* in late June. The day was a perfect day to explore gardens which proved their caretakers have



the proverbial "green thumb". Pictured to the right is the chairwoman of the event, Carol McCloud, the Club's immediate



past president, and she is actually barefoot. The additional pictures are just a small sampling of the beautiful sights that were viewed.



The Barefoot Gardeners were very pleased to have, on the day of the garden tour, an artist

painting a water color which depicts a scene in the gardens of Mr. Donald Campbell. That water color was framed and then presented to Mr. Campbell shortly after the tour. Pictured, left to right, are the artist, Mimi Antonini, Mr. Campbell and Carol McCloud.

This year a long-standing program of the Barefoot Gardeners, Storytime in the Park, treated local and visiting children to an "up close and personal" gardening experience. After hearing about and seeing pictures of butterflies, participants saw painted lady butterflies released and they even saw a few butterflies which had taken residence in the local butterfly garden. At the last Storytime participants were given their own caterpillar to take home and observe it's transition into a butterfly. Attendees also had an opportunity to harvest produce from the vegetable garden and taste some chips that were prepared from the potatoes that grew in the garden. The list of opportunities that attendees could access is exhaustive. Here are some pictures that give a small depiction.

## Happy Gardening from the Barefoot Gardeners



# Spade & Trowel



Officers were installed at a picnic at the home of Carol Johnson in June. From left are Eileen Marx, standing in for Vice President Pat Villani; Mary Lynn Huberty, corresponding secretary; Joanne Whalon, recording secretary; Barbara Fletcher, treasurer; Carol Johnson, president, and Mary Noel, who did the installation.

The Spade & Trowel Garden Club has collaborated with the Seaford Historical Society and the Reclaim Our River Partnership in installation of a rain garden at the Historic Gov. Ross Mansion in Seaford. Sussex Soil Conservation District did the excavation and provided amendments for the soil and mulch for the project. A \$300 grant from Reclaim Our River, covered the cost of the plants, which are native perennials. The rain garden was planted in May by members of the Spade & Trowel Garden Club, several of whom are also members of the Historical Society



On June 3, the Seaford Spade & Trowel Garden Club presented "Through the Garden Gate," a tour of nine gardens throughout the Seaford area. The Club was very grateful to homeowners who graciously opened their gardens for visitors to enjoy and for sponsors listed in the tour guide/ticket. The Nanticoke Yacht Club served as a home base for the tour and featured many vendors, a plant sale and the opportunity to purchase a boxed lunch. Funds raised by the Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization go toward community projects and scholarships.





## Plantation Lakes Garden Club



May Baskets beautified the community of Plantation Lakes “one front door at a time” on May 1, 2017. Betty Baeschlin and Ginger Esposito conducted a workshop titled Five Simple Steps for Creating a May Basket for new members and non-member community residents in April. Our club had 100% participation by members who were in town on May 1 and several of our non-member neighbors participated, as

well.

New officers were installed in April for the first full two-year term of our club. The new Executive Board for Plantation Lakes Garden Club: President Margaret Woda, 1st V.P. Marie Van Der Wall, 2nd V.P. Jan Pallas-Dudley, Treasurer Mary Williford, Recording Secretary Ginger Esposito, Corresponding Secretary Doris Nilson, and Parliamentarian Betty Baeschlin. Former Gardeners by the Sea President Maureen Eisenhart installed the new Executive Officers, and Membership Chair Jan Pallas-Dudley installed new members Mary Balasi and Peggy Kircher. Rain, rain, go away!

This plea was not heard by the weather gods, who did not cooperate with the plans for this important fundraiser. That did not deter Linda Olenick, Jan Pallas-Dudley, Pat Kircher, Peggy Kircher, or Debbie Darr, however, who returned the following Saturday to try again. And it rained again. In spite of that, our plant sale was a financial success, thanks in large part to the pre-sales that were chaired by Tina Latshaw.

The Patient Garden at Atlantic Shores Rehab and Health Center



became home to the unsold geraniums, after they were planted in donated pots by Margaret Woda, Linda Olenick, and Tina Latshaw. Patients were downright giddy at the brightly colored flowers added to their formerly flowerless garden, and a new community service project was born for our club.

PLGC members will be back in September with mums, pansies, and perennials... and

this likely will become an ongoing project for Plantation Lakes Garden Club. “Growing Together ,” our President’s Theme and the title of our monthly newsletter, will be evident in our 2017-2018 Programs. They range from How to Make a Terrarium in September to a Pollinator Potting Party in April and several educational programs, including DFGC President Lisa Arni’s project, TREE-Mendous Tree Planting at Delaware Botanic Gardens.

The first year was a huge success for Plantation Lakes Garden Club, and we look forward to our second year being even better!