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The Coastal Bloom

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Members

Upcoming Events

7/3 Hot Dog fundraiser
CANCELLED

No meeting until
September!

Have a safe and happy
Summer!

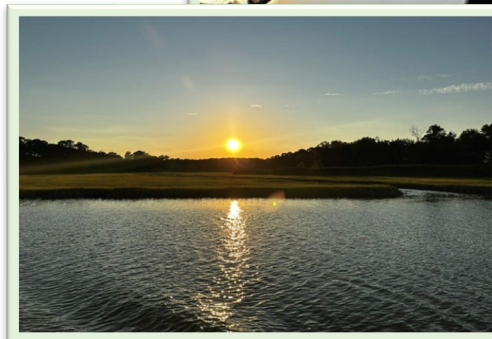
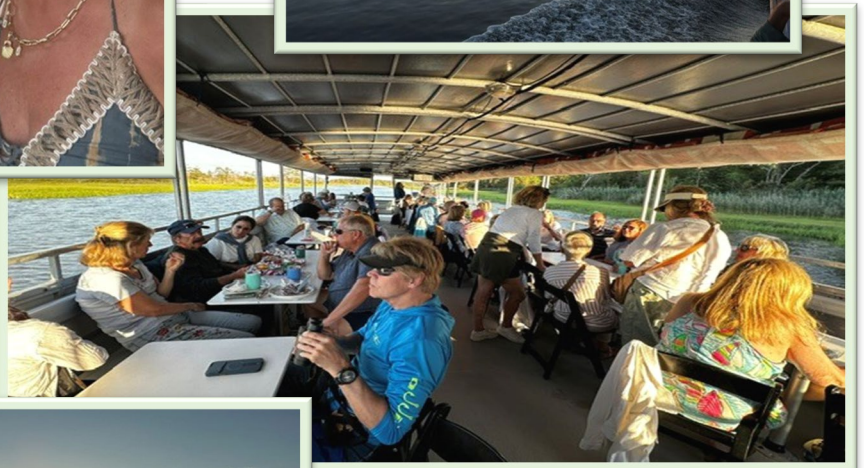
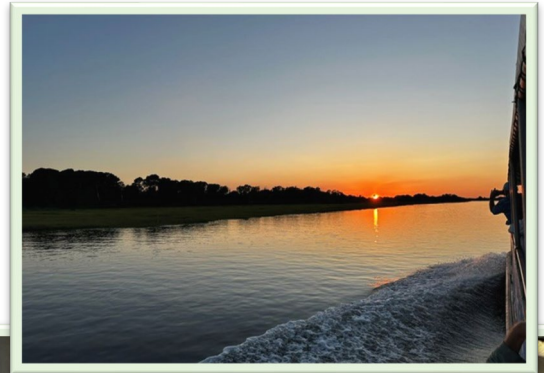
An Evening on the Water

Coastal Gardeners, along with friends and family members, got together on Monday, June 15 to cruise the byways of lovely Lewes, DE.

After climbing aboard our boat at the Cape Water Tours dock, we took off for two hours of sightseeing down the Lewes canal. Choppy water in the bay prevented us from taking our scheduled dolphin cruise, but Plan B provided great views of the marshes and the amazing homes along the canal. There were exclamations of "Ohhh look at that one!" and "Wow!" as we cruised past the beautiful architecture.

Along the way, food and drink flowed, as anyone would expect from any CG get together!

After turning around and heading for home, we were treated to a glorious sunset over the marshes. We couldn't have asked for better weather to spend time together with friends and family.



Newsletter Committee

Tina Siatkowski

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*A gardener learns more
in the mistakes than the
successes.*

--Barbara Borland

Photos by Tina Siatkowski

In the Garden

Planting Palooza at Bearhole Farms

Beautiful weather prevailed as members of the Coastal Gardeners met at Bearhole Farms in Selbyville on May 8 for container planting followed by their May business meeting. Members brought their own container and Cindy Stevens, the owner of Bearhole Farms, provided soil and a wide variety of annuals for planting. The participants were able to browse through the plants and choose their favorites for bright and creative container gardens that accentuated the creativity of each gardener.

Cindy is also an aquaponic grower and landscape designer. Cindy's aquaponic system grows a variety of leafy greens including arugula, a variety of lettuces, swiss chard and herbs. The grounds provided a beautiful background for the gathering and business meeting. Cindy also provided food and snacks which were complemented by the outstanding and famous bread pudding made by Sandy Daniels, Coastal Gardeners co-vice-president. It was a relaxing, productive and fun-filled evening.



Photos by Pat Rainer

Getting to Know ...

Cathy Veale



Photo courtesy of Cathy Veale

Cathy, a native Delawarean, spent her childhood in New Castle County, and later attended the University of Delaware. A case manager for several organizations, she was more recently a pre-school teacher. Moving to and from Philadelphia and Gaithersburg for husband Chris' career as a research chemist, Cathy and Chris kept returning to Delaware, retiring here in 2018.

Retirement has included European vacations, most recently a river cruise to the Netherlands, Belgium and France. Cathy particularly loved Amsterdam and Normandy and enjoyed seeing numerous WWII historical markers throughout their travels.

Cathy always had an interest in gardening and was particularly fond of her kitchen garden while living in Hockessin, DE. Her home in the Estuary features beautiful perennials, peonies being her favorite.

She loved sharing her experience as a teacher/naturalist for a kids' summer camp at a Hockessin nature center. But her recent passion has been for creating beautiful, quilted items. Her first grandchild who is soon due will be the lucky recipient of a unique Cathy creation.

CG Projects Around Town



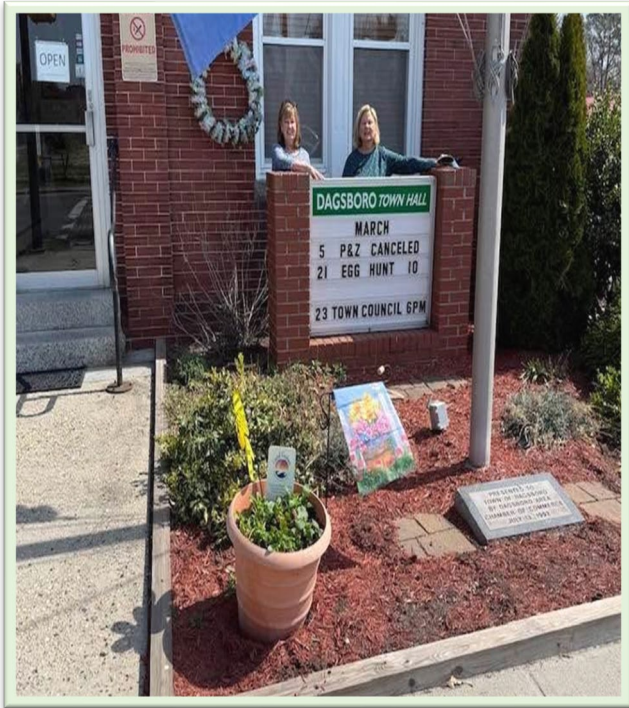
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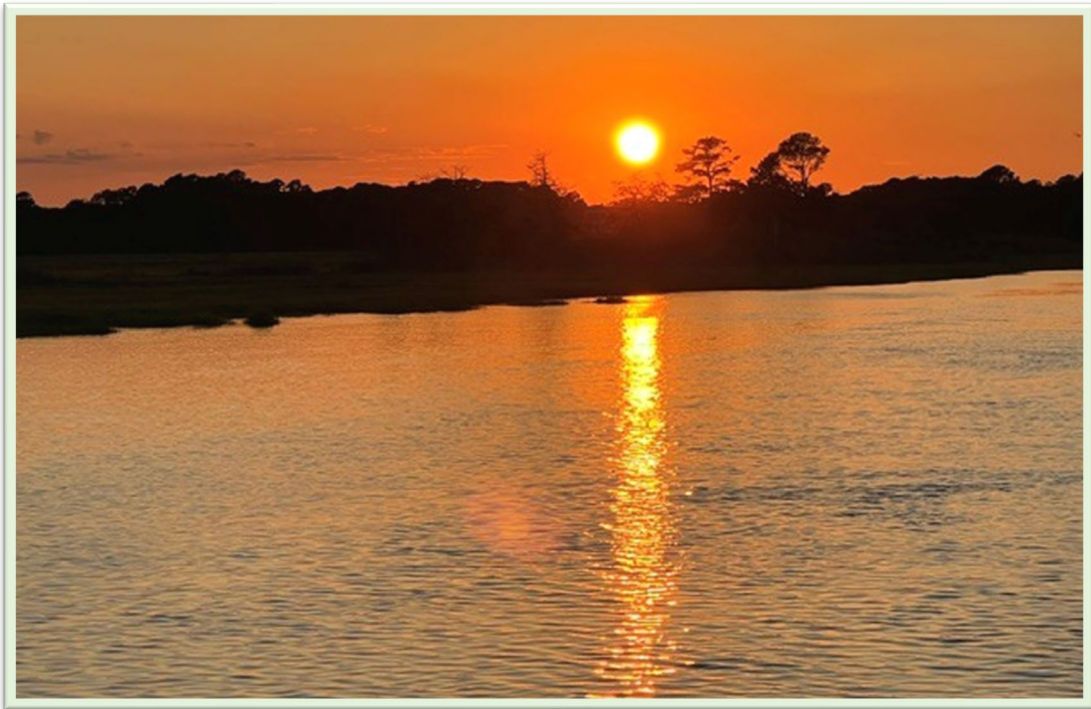
Adopt A Highway



Tower Road



Dagsboro Town Hall



Sunset on the Lewes Boat cruise