

# CAR Review



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FOR A CLEANER, GREENER  
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I’d like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our 2024 conference, “Wonders of the Garden State” such a success! A special thank you to Mary Warshauer, Conference Chairman; Florence Leyssène, Vice Chairman and Sue Berdahl, our Registrar.

I realize it costs both money and time to attend, and know it’s not easy for everyone, so I want to give my heartfelt thank you to those who were able to come. The Garden Club of New Jersey members worked so hard to make this a fun and happy time for you all. So again, thank you for coming and joining with each other to make this a special event. It’s so important to spend time getting to know each other and share thoughts and ideas and expand our garden club reach, since having common goals and objectives is what will tie us together.

Shortly after I was allowed to rejoin my garden club after being thrown out, I then became Club President, and I remember having a meeting one month where we sat at tables in groups of 6 and shared our hopes and dreams of what we wanted to see our club do or become – what were our members looking for in our club? What did they want to accomplish, etc. I remember being amazed that our members said they had never been asked that before. We did it again a few years ago and we had a lot of positive thoughts/ideas. Albeit it doesn’t mean much or accomplish anything if you don’t take these thoughts and ideas to heart.

At this Conference I wanted to host a Round Table titled “Thoughts and Ideas” and be there to listen to what our members are interested in pursuing as a Region. I’ve talked about communication a lot during my term – that we need to listen to our garden club members and work with them to strengthen and grow our garden clubs. Following

along the way we've "always done it" no longer works. Communication is vital but unless we listen and work with our members it doesn't do much good. I was gratified to hear from a lot of our attendees and am looking forward to sharing their thoughts and ideas with our Members. Collectively we can accomplish much. We all have a personal stake in the future of our world.

I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and look forward to interacting with you all again soon. Can't believe another year has gone by so quickly and I'm again going to try to find those 302 snowmen - along with the missing 8 that I couldn't find last year - that I put up on our window ledges every year!

**Monica Hansen,**  
**CAR-SGC Region Director 2023-2025**



**Region Director Monica Hansen and Alternate Director Vikki Bellias**



**Conference Chairman Mary Warshauer and Vice-Chairman Florence Leysene**



**Noreen Linnemann from NCA wins NGC Medal of Honor Award for CAR**



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**Mary Warshauer and Carol English**



## From Our States:

### Delaware



**Ginny Cardona**

Where did the summer go and why am I already planning for the holidays? Time is flying! In Delaware, our schedule is full.

Twelve members of the DFGC attended the CAR-SGC Conference in Basking Ridge, NJ and returned with energy and enthusiasm! We enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Our introduction to AI had many of us stepping outside our comfort zone to perform a fairy skit. Many thanks to the Garden Club of New Jersey for an informative and fun conference! We are looking forward to next year in Maryland.

The excitement generated by the CAR-SGC Conference carried over to the planning for our upcoming State meeting on November 20. As this newsletter goes to press, we are in the throes of planning and implementation. On the State level, we are preparing for the last of our fundraiser raffles to benefit science teachers throughout the state. Through our association with the Delaware Association for Environmental Education, we are able to offer small grants to teachers to provide outdoor experiences for students. Clubs are strategizing for the lottery to sign up for the classes for the state flower show, *Summer Road Trip*, to be held on June 18, 2025. We will have copies of the 2025 Vision of Beauty Calendar for sale for inspiration. Our Awards Committee continues to evaluate the many submissions for club events.

On the club level, we are preparing for our holiday projects with supplies for the homeless, senior centers and children's clubs, and decorating holiday trees for charities and government buildings. Our community projects are a wonderful way of attracting new members.

Delaware wishes our fellow Central Atlantic Region states a happy Thanksgiving and a festive holiday season.

**Potpourri Garden Club decorates a tree for the Governor's home with handmade cardinals and dried hydrangeas.**

**Photo by  
Connie Raymond**



**Silver Pine Garden Club decorates a tree every year for the Festival of Trees. This year's tree was dedicated to all things Delaware.**

**Photo by  
Ginny Cardona**



**Garden Gate Garden Club decorates a tree for the Ronald McDonald House. This is their Noah's Ark tree.**

**Photo by  
Barbara Dinsmore**

**"Down on the Farm" is Countryside Garden Club's tree for Delaware Hospice's Festival of Trees**  
**Photo by Ginny Cardona**



**Ginny Cardona, President,  
Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

## Maryland



**Susie Middleton**

**DEDICATION:** November 10<sup>th</sup> our Crofton Village and Crofton Greenery Garden Clubs held a Gold Star Memorial dedication as Maryland continues to honor our military and their families with Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers.

**TREES:** In the August Review, we reported on our annual native tree planting made possible by former state president Alice Rush McKeon. In 2023, we planted 53 mature native trees and in November, District I Director Terry Holman coordinated club members, MD DNR, MD Conservation Corps and the Md. Forestry and Park Service in the planting of 118 trees at the Cypress Branch State Park, Maryland's newest state park.

**Alice Rush McKeon planting**



**LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL:** Toured a living shoreline. A member of the design/build team lead the tour of the restoration of the dynamic living shoreline using a series of low-profile stone breakwaters, how the shoreline was stabilized and the aquatic habitat used to enhance it. A lunch and



meeting at a local restaurant was held after the tour.

**SHEDDING LIGHT ON NIGHT SKIES** –an Introduction to Light Pollution and Night Sky Conservation was a ZOOM presentation sponsored by our Climate Action Group and well attended by our members.

**ACTIVITIES:** Again, this year, Maryland's First Lady has asked our garden clubs to provide a tree or wreath to represent each county in Maryland which will be placed in the State House. Free tours of the display are available after Thanksgiving until the end of the year (closed Christmas Day).

**CAR-SGC CONFERENCE:** Congratulations to New Jersey for a successful 2024 conference. Save the date for October 19-21 (bus tour on 22<sup>nd</sup>) for the 2025 Conference/Tri-Refresher to be held in Maryland. Hope you'll join us.



**LDC shoreline tour**



**Anna O'Kelly, former State President and current Crofton Greenery Club President and her husband, Keith**

**Diana Bonner for Susie Middleton, President, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland**

## National Capital Area



**Barb Kiker**

The National Capital Area Garden Clubs have been very busy since our last report. We have been very successful with interesting and unusual speakers at our meetings. Our NCA Spring Meeting featured Ikebana Design with Linda Ely. Design programs are always

popular and Linda is a unique designer with an engaging personality.

Our NCA Fall Meeting featured Tim Walsh from NASA Goddard who spoke about NASA's exciting satellite program and its scientific future. Getting a speaker from NASA Goddard is very challenging. Many of these talented scientists are traveling frequently and are unable to confirm engagements. We are very blessed to have our first vice president, Danielle Brabazon. Her friendship with Tim Walsh made this program possible. It was one of the best programs. Thank you, Danielle.

Coming up for our next NCA Spring Meeting we are excited to welcome author, Diana Pabst Parsell, who will talk about the origins of the Washington Cherry Trees. We will combine this with the National Arboretum's Cherry Trees. It'll be a Cherries Jubilee!

The CAR Meeting in New Jersey was a great success! Our members dressed up in magical costumes!



District II hosted their Standard Flower Show, The Chemistry of Fall, at River Farm. The designs and horticulture were fabulous. The witch's hats were creative and fun.



We are looking forward to the NCA Standard Flower Show *OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS* in November at The National Arboretum.

Our NCA fundraising has been successful. The Biltmore Bus Trip (in November 2023) sold out and we made \$700. Our prayers go out to all in the Asheville area after the hurricane destruction. Our glitter pins have made over \$700.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Danielle, along with her membership committee has started our Virtual Garden Club with 15 members. We are looking forward to its success.

**Barb Kiker, President,  
National Capital Area Garden Clubs**

## ***New Jersey***

We had a wonderful Autumn in the 'Garden State'. On October 22-23, 2024, The Garden Club of New Jersey welcomed the 2024 Central Atlantic Region Conference to the Olde Mill Inn at Basking Ridge, NJ. It was our honor to host this fabulous conference. This year's 'Wonders of the Garden State' saw **Beverly Kazickas** the clubs of the seven states learning, bonding and inspiring each other. GCNJ's conference chair Mary Warshauer and her team headed up by Florence Leysene worked tirelessly to pull off the fabulous event.



On Sept 30th, GCNJ hosted a virtual Fall Leadership Conference for their Board and the Presidents of New Jersey’s federation of 100 local garden clubs.

The meeting was held via Zoom and explored “Strengthening Connections” through affiliation with both the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Central Atlantic Region and National Garden Club. Some of the benefits of these connections include Grants, Awards, Scholarships, Insurance, and other important opportunities that lead to successful clubs and happy members.

An example of one of the Grants highlighted during the Fall Leadership zoom is my President’s Project titled “Plant America: Gardening for a Healthy, Mind, Body and Soul” ... Clubs are encouraged to establish a program or garden that promotes the benefits of gardening to support physical and mental health. Eligible clubs may apply for a \$1,000 President’s Project Grant. Each year, three clubs are selected for a total of \$6,000.

Lastly, our next big event is being worked on for Spring 2025 ... The Garden Club of New Jersey’s celebration of their 100th Anniversary. There are a number of surprises being planned to make the May 14th in-person gathering a very special one for our members.



**GCNJ tribute design by Cecelia Millea (R) for Beverly Kazickas (L), Photo by Mike Kazickas**



**GCNJ’s Nancy Bigelsen shows off her extraordinary Butterfly Hat. Photo by Amy Richardson**

**Beverly Kazickas, President, Garden Club of New Jersey**

### New York



**Donna Sessa**

Buzz, Buzz! New York State had over thirty representatives buzzing around at the CAR-SGC Convention in New Jersey October 22-23. What an exciting time, learning about Flowers to Fragrance, Bats, the Legend of the Jersey

Devil, and the Billion Oyster Project to name a few of the highlights. It was a buzz worthy conference. Thank you to Monica Hansen (one of NY’s own), CAR-SGC Director, Beverly Kazickas NJ State President and the fabulous garden club members from the State of New Jersey for THE WONDERS OF THE GARDEN STATE.

Now let’s talk about something that gets my wings flapping— THE BUZZ! And no, I’m not talking about what bees do. The BUZZ is the name of the fantastic new electronic newsletter launched this term. The first three editions were delivered directly to the inboxes of every FGCNYS member. The purpose of the Buzz is to give a brief description of events, workshops, Zoom meetings, etc. that are happening on the State, Regional and National Level. There is just enough information to pique the reader’s interest and links to find more information.

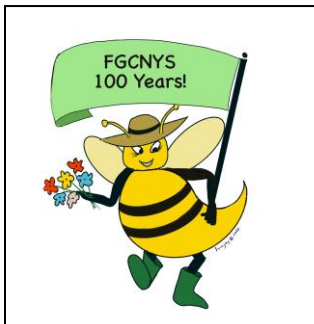
Federated Garden Clubs NYS is a big supporter of World Gardening and so far this fiscal year (we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) we have collected \$8,013.56. Dig Deep received \$4,008.35 and Water for South Sudan received \$4,005.21.

We are planning our scholarships for 2025 including sending one camper from each of our 10 Districts to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Camps which offer environmental education, hunter education programs, and outdoor recreation into an adventurous experience.

In 2025, the State will run an NGC Flower Show School. Course 1 will bloom in the spring and Course 2 will flourish in the fall. Check our website fgcnys.com for all the essential details.

As we conclude our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, it is only fitting that we bought a stone paver for inclusion in

the Path to Success at the National Headquarters of NGC in St. Louis. It will be a reminder that even the smallest steps like the ones you and I take every day, can create a path to inspire future generations.



**Donna Sessa, President,  
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State**

### Ohio



Thank you, Basking Ridge NJ, for the wonderful time we had at the Central Atlantic Region Conference. We had gorgeous weather to view the grounds of the hotel, a beautiful place to stay.

**Kathy Wagner** The Garden Club of Ohio presented our Holiday Programs, November 7 and 8. Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, longtime leader of our Ohio garden clubs, headlined the program with her not-so-traditional holiday designs. We all went home with great ideas for decorating our homes for the holidays.

Our clubs received numerous awards at the conference, they do exceptional work, I am always proud of their accomplishments. Our youth took home a few awards, it is fun to see their enthusiasm when presented with their certificate. Thank you to all clubs and/or individuals for your hard work.

I want to congratulate a very special person in GCO for winning the C.A.R. Perennial Bloom Award, Jo 'C As the holidays approach, I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Walker is a very deserving recipient of that award. We are all so happy she received this special award.

**Kathy Wagner, President,  
Garden Club of Ohio**

### Pennsylvania



As we come to the end of another year many of the Garden Club Federation of PA clubs are preparing for holiday fundraisers. The Penn Cumberland GC located near Harrisburg, PA has invited this President to attend their 54<sup>th</sup>

**Leeanna Ryba** Annual Holiday Market & Luncheon on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am really looking forward to meeting the many attendees at the "Let Heaven & Nature Sing" event.

GCFP Districts awarded the coveted Forget-Me-Not awards, honoring long-standing members whose dedication to their club and community service makes our organization special. Vanessa Peterson (District I), Becky Short (District II-III), Eileen Hoover (District IV), Sandra Hendricks (District V), Nancy Bittner (District VI), Iris Cisarik (District VII), Shirley Loose (District VIII), Beth Buttermore (District IX), Marie Mueller (District X), and Sue Bunkin (District XI) were the recipients. Many of them also serve, or have served, on the GCFP Board of Directors, a truly hard-working group of volunteers. Thank you!

At my request, our Districts are also making monthly zoom presentations. January 23 will be "How to Enter/or Volunteer for the Philadelphia F.S." (District XI), February 11 is "Divide and Conquer: Dividing, Transplanting and Overwintering Plants" (District VII), March 18 we will enjoy "Moonlight Gardens" (District IV). The zoom link is available through the District Directors.

The 2025 GCFP Trip to Italy, "Food and Gardens of Italy" will take place in late September. The ten-night trip includes gardens near Lakes Como and Maggiore, the Cinque Terra and Florence. An extension to Rome is offered. Details can be found

on the GCFP website under “more”, GCFP Tour Information. A huge hug goes out to Sharon Richardson for planning another trip, and to my favorite part of Italy!

The 2025 GCFP Annual Convention, “A Gardening Revolution” will be held April 6-8 in King of Prussia, PA. Karen Wychock and her committee have been working to make this an event to remember.

**Leanna Ryba, President,  
Garden Club of Pennsylvania**

### ***XERISCAPING- Water-Smart Gardening***

As we are facing a drought in the Central Atlantic Region with high fire warnings every day in Southwestern NY, I thought this an opportune time to address Xeriscaping.

#### **Principles of Xeriscaping**

Grown plants suited for your region

Use trees, shrubs, perennials, vines and annuals that require less water, but can sustain short rainy periods.

Incorporate native plants into your landscape.

**Zones** in our region have changed! Areas in Ohio are now 5 and 6 as are PA and NY. New Jersey and DC, Maryland and Delaware are Zones 6 and 7.

**Variety** is a bonus to the landscape. Too many oak trees will spread their roots far and wide and suck the moisture out around the soil of perennials and annuals. Other native trees send out suckers that crowd the roots of competing shrubs and flowering plants. Trumpet Vine is gorgeous in flower but spreads by runners and the vines cling to whatever is growing near it.

I have included a list of plants growing in zones 4-8.

#### **Sun**

Hemerocallis. Interplant with Iris to keep the deer away.

Nepeta-Catmint, Perovskia- Russian Sage are shrub-like and purple flowered.

Antennaria or Pussytoes is an unusual ground cover that is beautiful in the spring.

Sedum-Autumn Joy, is truly a joy to behold in the late summer fall.

#### **Shade**

Alchemilla mollis. I have grown this and it never disappoints. The leaves are beautiful in floral arrangements and it will tolerate some sun.

Brunnera macrophylla

Campanula as a ground cover. Will spread. Needs full sun in cooler climates.

Heuchera and Tiarella light up shade areas with their jewel colored leaves and delicate flowers.

Gardening is always a challenge so experiment with something new that may surprise you!

**Jane Madis,  
Sustainable Gardening and Xeriscaping**

### ***America’s Smallest Turtle***

The critically endangered Bog Turtle, the smallest North American turtle, has been studied in Massachusetts by wildlife conservationist, Angela Sirois-Pitel, for 20 years . Bog Turtles are a healthy sign of a healthy fen- a rare wetland type, of which other rare species would inhabit. Since the 1980’s, her team has tracked Turtles in lots of ways: surveys, radio transmitters and now camera traps on buckets. They take a five-gallon bucket and cut holes in the sides so that when you flip it upside down, something can walk through it. Then they mount a camera inside the bottom of the bucket so when it’s tipped upside down, the camera is looking at the



ground. Bog Turtles have these rivulets on the ground when they move around. They are like little roads. This method is a way to explore the new sites as well as to get better data about existing sites. Because

of these camera traps, they hope to find new Bog Turtle sites where the conditions are good.

-taken from 2024 “Nature Conservancy Issue”

**Iris Cisarik,  
Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species Chair**



### Wildlife Habitats

I have had the privilege of chairing NGC President Brenda Moore’s project on certifying your garden as a wildlife habitat. As a member of CAR, I am excited to announce that CAR has the most certified gardens in all eight regions. Currently, I have 187 certified gardens. Of those, 56 are CAR or 30%. And little Delaware, with its small membership, has the most gardens in any state. It has certified 17, with many coming from Odessa Middletown Garden Club. Thanks for getting the word out. If you have not certified your garden, the process is simple. Go to



the NGC web site gardenclub.org and scroll to President’s project. There you will see an application form to fill out. Once certified, you receive a certificate and can purchase the sign to display in your garden. Let’s keep the numbers climbing!

**Barbara M. Campbell,  
Wildlife Habitat Chairman**

What are you doing to celebrate National Garden Week 2025? Visual items attract attention to what garden clubs are all about and can bring in new members. How about providing a design or small vignette of plants with an information sheet in the library or town hall this year. If you have a flower show or plant sale this spring, advertise National Garden Week on a banner during that event or put a banner in your yard. Wear your Plant America badge every day during National Garden Week and track how many times someone asks you what Plant America means. NGC has Plant America banners for sale at Headquarters in St Louis. Take photographs and send me a short description of what you do this coming year.



Thank you for supporting another NGC project.

**Jan Warshauer,  
CAR-SGC National Garden Week**

### National Garden Week

State Presidents, I hope your clubs will join National Garden Club’s Inc in celebrating National Garden Week in 2025. It is the perfect time to get the word out to our communities about the many activities our clubs are involved in.

The Basking Ridge Garden Club in NJ has provided an exhibit at the Bernards Township Library for several years. The library provides a highly visible space for the club and asks them to leave the exhibit in place for the entire month of June. What more could we ask for in a dual community effort.

This year, 2024, the club chose a patriotic theme, highlighting the 911 Memorial near the Basking Ridge train station and the Blue Star Marker program. Four to five members work on this club activity with great enthusiasm.

### CAR-SGC Life Membership Report

The CAR-SGC Life Membership is available to anyone who has \$50 to spend for a membership. The \$50 is used exclusively for CAR-SGC Scholarships. It is a wonderful way to honor hard-working garden club members or members of the local community who are worthy of recognition. At the annual CAR-SGC conference, new life members are presented with a certificate and a new CAR-SGC membership pin. All life members receive a membership card and a welcome note, thanking them for their support of the scholarship program.

Here is a list of the new life members who joined since the 2023 conference:

- Joan Davis, Presque Isle GC , GCFP #220
- Susan Glassmoyer, Penn Cumberland GC,  
GCFP #221

Cheryl Kopyt, Seed & Weed GC, FGCNYS #222  
 Teresa Tosney, Staten Island GC, FGCNYS #223  
 Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne, Orchard Park GC,  
 FGCNYS #224

**CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Report**

Bronze Donations:  
 St. Michaels Garden Club \$ 50  
 Claire Leichter \$ 50  
 Vicki Bellias \$100  
 Gold Donations:  
 Gail Manna \$500  
 Beverly Kazickas \$500  
 Platinum Donations:  
 Robin Hammer \$1000

**Claire Leichter,  
 CAR-SGC Life Membership Chair**

**NGC Life Membership**

Don't miss out being a part of a very special group of people who strive to maintain and encourage **NGC** projects and goals. Yes, join today. Become a NGC Life Member.

Your donation of \$200 aids two wonderful programs that benefit local clubs, your State and your youth: **THE PLANT AMERICA COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND** and **THE PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT FUND.**

This current fiscal year, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, we already have 3 new NGC Life Members from our Region. Great Start. Keep them coming.

So don't miss out.....Join today or give a gift membership to any individual or group deserving an honor or remember someone in your community who shares our passion for garden club interests.

**Applications can be found on the NGC website under Member Resources.**

**LIFE MEMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Gail Manna,  
 NGC Life Membership Chair, 2021-2025**

**Vision of Beauty Calendar**



The seasons are changing. Will you be assembling decorative designs or wreaths for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day etc. or entering a Flower Show? Look outside at your garden. There is always something beautiful to enjoy in a garden.

Challenge yourself! Take a photograph or have a photograph taken of your design(s) or your garden. The picture **must** be high resolution. Your entry could be chosen for inclusion in the Vision of Beauty Calendar.

Your design could be traditional, creative, abstract, botanical, artistic craft, seasonal ++. Photographs of a design must be taken in front of a blank seamless background. If the design was a Flower Show entry do not include any flower show ribbons or entry cards. Look at the picture taken. Make sure the image is centered, nothing is cut out in the picture, and the staging panel/underlay are smooth with no wrinkles.

The 2025 Vision of Beauty Calendars are available for \$10 each (+shipping) in the National Garden Club store on [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). The pictures of the designs and gardens are educational and inspirational!

For more information respective to submissions please go to the Forms Library on the NGC Website. Scroll down the forms area to Vision Of Beauty Calendars for the submission requirements and entry form. Details of entry requirements are also on the last pages of the Vision of Beauty Calendar. A completed entry form and a 5x7 print must be provided with each submission mailed. A 5x7 high resolution digital JPEG image must also be provided

to the Chair via email. All submissions are sent and emailed to the **National Garden Club Vision of Beauty Calendar Chair Nancy Voyles**.

*Barbara DeRue,  
CAR-SGC VOB Calendar*

### ***Landslides and Glaciers***

**A mysterious event recently puzzled seismologists around the world who noted there was a rhythmic signal that pulsed every 90 seconds for nine days? Some of you may have read about it as there were several articles in the newspapers but the signal continued to baffle everyone. So what was it?**

Eventually, scientists used seismic data to pin the location down to Dickson Fjord, situated in a remote area in East Greenland. Upon investigation they discovered that a massive landslide of approximately 25 meters of rock (equivalent to 25 Empire State buildings) carrying glacial ice with it had collapsed and slid into the fjord. The sub-sequent wave this generated was estimated at 200 meters high and since the fjord was inland and narrow this caused a giant tsunami which sloshed back and forth against the rock walls generating the vibrations.

The detective mission to find the source of the mysterious signal involved an international team of scientists and the Danish Navy. The results of their efforts have been published in the journal Science and a subsequent article on the BBC News.

Landslides and glaciers melting are happening more and more frequently due to climate change so we can probably expect to experience more events like this in the future.

*Anne Johnston,  
Air Quality/Water Conservation*

### ***Holiday Decorating***

As Thanksgiving concludes, garden club members from the Central Atlantic Region gather to bring holiday magic to the historic houses and arboretums in our States. Long Island, NY. Clubs adorn the Vanderbilt Museum, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, and Coe Hall, with each room thoughtfully planned and

prepared well in advance. Color schemes are carefully selected, and designs meticulously crafted. At Bayard Cutting Arboretum, fresh plant materials from the grounds are incorporated into the décor with garlands, mantelpieces, and live Christmas trees, enhanced by fresh flowers and poinsettias. The Vanderbilt Museum, where live plants aren't permitted, is decorated with imaginative arrangements crafted from faux greenery. Many decorations are recycled from previous years, each season reinterpreted with fresh creativity, making it a delight to see these artistic transformations unfold. This year, the Centerport Garden Club will decorate Mrs. Coe's rooms, which include a sitting room, bedroom, dressing room, and bathroom. Garden clubs rarely decorate the same rooms each year, instead choosing new spaces to inspire fresh interpretations. Reimagining each room with a unique twist from the previous year is always enjoyable. When the houses are fully decorated and open to the public, tours are available, complete with Victorian teas—a wonderful way to begin the season!





*Gail Berti,  
Memorial, Historic Gardens, Arboretum*

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### **2024 NGC Youth Sculpture Contest**

REMINDER: Our goal for this year is to have an entry from each state in our Region and we need your help to accomplish this.

The contest rules are simple:

- \*Children in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible
- \*Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials
- \*Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 ½ X 11 inches and height should be in proportion to width
- \*Entries may include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form, but two 4x6 photographs are recommended. THE SCULPTURE ITSELF IS NOT SUBMITTED.
- \*Entries must be sent to your State Youth Chairman observing State Deadlines.
- \*The State Youth Chairman sends the state first place winner to me, CAR-SGC NGC Youth Sculpture Contest Chair, after the selection has been made, **but no later than December 31, 2024.**

The Entry Form is on the NGC website and is easy to complete. In addition to name and contact information, list of materials used, describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences, send photographs and that's it. *debonner@verizon.net* (List Subject As Sculpture Contest)

This is a fun and conservation awareness project to do with grandchildren, other young relatives or even

neighborhood children. A club or club member may sponsor any of these creative students.

Beginning this year, all state first place sculpture winners will receive a CAR-SGC Certificate of Appreciation for entering the contest.

State Presidents, please share this article with your State Youth Chairs.

*Diana Bonner,  
CAR-SGC NGC Youth Sculpture Contest Chair*

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### **Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. Symposium**

April 29 & 30, 2025  
Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, NJ

Instructors: David Robson and Gina Jogan

All information can be found in the Registration Brochure on the GCNJ website [www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org](http://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org) and NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

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### **Florida Tri-Refresher**

April 8 - 10, 2025  
Southbank Hotel, Jacksonville, FL

Includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the Jacksonville Zoo and Botanic Gardens

Sponsored by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs  
Contact [JenniferBarberffgc@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferBarberffgc@gmail.com)

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*Colorful trees on the NJ Turnpike*

*Photo by  
Caroline Carbaugh*

**Schools Being Held by NGC**

**Environmental School:**

Jan. 10 – 12, 2025. Mexia, TX. In-Person – Course 3.  
 Contact: Sarah McReynolds, *esarabeth@aol.com*.  
 March 4 – 5, 2025. St. Louis, MO - Zoom – Course 4.  
 Contact: Pat Rupiper, *patrupiper@gmail.com*.  
 March 24 - 27, 2025. St. Louis, MO – Zoom – Course 2.  
 Contact: Jan Conant, *djconant@msn.com*.

**Flower Show School:**

Feb. 27 – March 1, 2025. Poway, CA – Course 1 -Contact:  
 Laura Crenshaw, *lrock1221@sbcglobal.net*.  
 April 28 – 30, 2025. Gettysburg, PA – Course 1 –  
 Contact: Evie Matzke, *eviemat52@aol.com*.  
 March 24 - 27, 2025. Little Rock, AR – Course 4 –  
 Contact: Rose Knight, *jdknight@suddenlink.net*.  
 March 24 - 27, 2025. Richmond, VA – Course 4 –  
 Contact: Brenda McManaway,  
*brendamc@shentel.net*.  
 March 24 - 27, 2025. Summerville, SC – Course 4 –  
 Contact: Beth Satterfield,  
*bethsatterfield48@gmail.com*.  
 August 18 – 21, 2025. Roanoke, VA . – Course 1 -  
 Contact: Val Story, *valstory@aol.com*.  
 October 20 – 22, 2025. Gettysburg, PA – Course 2 –  
 Contact: Evie Matzke, *eviemat52@aol.com*.

**Flower Show Symposium:**

April 29 – 30, 2025. Basking Ridge, NJ. Contact:  
 Gail Bassolino, *cbassolino@aol.com*.  
 April 29 – 30, 2025. Mansfield, OH. Contact:  
 Winnie Garabis, *wgarabis@yahoo.com*.  
 August 6 – 7, 2025. Birmingham, AL. Contact: Delaine  
 Spencer, *delspen@aol.com*.  
 August 19 – 20, 2025. Columbia, MO. Contact:  
 Karen Blackmore, *karen@kewpie.net*.  
 October 27 – 28, 2025. Elkhart Lake, WI. Contact: Liz  
 Murken, *lizmurken@gmail.com*.

**Gardening School:**

Feb. 10 – 12, 2025. New Smyrna Beach, FL Virtual –  
 Course 2. Contact: Sally Flanagan, *sfflan@aol.com*.  
 July 10 -11, 2025. Encino, CA – In-Person – Course 1.  
 Contact: Robin Pokorski, *CGCIRobin@gmail.com*.  
 Aug. 14 - 15, 2025. Encino, CA – In-Person – Course 2.  
 Contact: Robin Pokorski, *CGCIRobin@gmail.com*.  
 Oct. 23 - 24, 2025. Encino, CA – In-Person – Course 4.  
 Contact: Robin Pokorski, *CGCIRobin@gmail.com*.

**Landscape Design School:**

Dec. 5 - 6, 2024. Starkville, MS – In-Person - Course 2.  
 Contact: Lynda Dickerson,  
*lwdickerson@bellsouth.net*.  
 Jan. 20 – 22, 2025. Louisville, OH. Virtual – Course 3.  
 Contact: Bert Nero, *bertnero@gmail.com*.  
 Feb. 10 -11, 2025. College Station, TX – In-Person –  
 Course 4. Contact Michele Wehrheim,  
*texaslandscapedesignschool@gmail.com*.  
 March 25 – 26, 2025. Clinton, CT – In-Person – Course 2.  
 Contact: Sue Kelley, *sue.kelley@ctgardenclubs.org*.  
 August 26 – 27, 2025. Elizabethtown, KY – In-Person.  
 Course 1. Contact: Debbie Skaggs,  
*skaggs@scrtc.com*.

**Tri-Refreshers:**

March 11 – 13, 2025. Valdosta, GA. Contact: Marilyn  
 McDonnell, *mmcdonnell25@comcast.net*.  
 April 8 – 10, 2025. Jacksonville, FL. Contact: Jennifer  
 Barber, *jenniferbarberffgc@gmail.com*.

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**Alternate Director Vikki Bellias**



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