

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SHELTER ISLAND, INC.

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Twenty Seven Sustaining Members
Two Honorary Members

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*Memories are forget-me-nots gathered along life's way,
Pressed close to the human heart into a perennial bouquet.*

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*Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together,
drawing them from their homes.*

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*Just living is not enough - one must have
sunshine, freedom and a little flower.*

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010-2011

Civic and Roadside Beautification	Jean McClintock
Conservation	Paulette Van Vranken Ellen Kornrumpf
Garden Therapy	Ann Diefendorf IdaMarie Bottone
Historian and Records	Christina Cunningham Carolyn Stromberg
Hospitality	Joan Russo
Horticulture	Judy Brandenstein
Membership	Gail Vielbig Veronica Clements
Program	Dianne Bowditch
Publicity	Hilary King
Yearbook	Kirsten Lewis Karen Brush
Youth Division	Carol Russell

Standing Committee Members are expected to attend Board Meetings



*Whatever a man's age, he can reduce it several years
by putting a bright-colored flower in his buttonhole.*

ADDITIONAL CHAIRS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Annual Meeting and Luncheon	Janet D'Amato Betty Hansel
Arbor Day	Carol Russell
Auditor	Trina Waldron
Book Memorials	Janet Hawkins
Chapel	Lois Weir Barbara Hayes
Civic and Roadside Beautification "Garden Godmothers"	Jean McClintock Marian Brownlie Marcia Byington Dale Clark Christina Cunningham Valerie Levenstein Kirsten Lewis Jodi Luke Carol Russell Gail Vielbig Paulette Van Vranken
Club Awards	Jean McClintock
Daffodil Show	Carole Read Dianne Bowditch
Donations and Acquisitions	Jean McClintock
Flower Show Awards	Joanne Andreach
Garden Visits	Yioula Van Rynbach
Herb Garden	Elizabeth Munson Sarah Shepherd Trina Waldron Angela Van Rynbach

Holiday Workshop	Beverly Cahill Aimee Hannah
Isabel Bowditch Memorial Plant Exchange	Anna Marie Rampmaier
Library Flowers	Valerie Levenstein
Member-at-Large	Esther Hunt
Parliamentarian	Carole Read
Past Presidents' and New Members' Tea	Barbara Gerstenlauer Valerie Levenstein
Properties	Claire de Sanctis
Remembrance	Judith Devitt
Special Events: Gaggles of Games	Jackie Tuttle
Ways and Means	Sharon Bales
Webmaster	Patricia Shillingburg

Additional Committee Members are welcome but not required to attend Board meetings.



When words escape, flowers speak.

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Mrs. Harry Naegeli	1934-44
*Mrs. Dudley Miles	1945-46
*Mrs. James Heatherton	1947-48
*Mrs. Walter Steffen	1949-50
*Mrs. Rodney Ward	1951-52
*Miss Erna Kraemer	1953-54
*Mrs. John McHugh	1955-56
*Miss Erna Kraemer	1957-58
*Mrs. Andrew Fiske	1959-60
*Mrs. John Lamont	1961-62
*Mrs. James Dice	1963-64
*Mrs. Roy Gunung	1965-66
*Mrs. Layton Clark	1967-68
*Mrs. John Sengstaken	1969-70
*Mrs. Hermann von Carp	1970-71
*Mrs. Frederick Muller	1971-73
*Mrs. Richard Moser	1974-76
Mrs. Maurice Tuttle	1976-77
*Mrs. Gardner Dickerson	1978-79
*Mrs. Alvin Reeves	1980-81
*Mrs. Mario Cestari	1982-83
*Mrs. Thomas Oliver	1984-85
*Mrs. Andrew Fiske	1986-87
Mrs. Gene Scott Martin	1988
*Mrs. Gardner Dickerson	1989
Mrs. William Romanchuk	1990-91
Mrs. Bridgford Hunt	1992-93
Mrs. David Wyland	1994-95
*Mrs. Robert Braunschweig	1996-97
Mrs. Michael Stromberg	1998-99
Mrs. Howard Brandenstein	2000-01
Ms. Jean McClintock	2002-03
Mrs. Vincent Cunningham	2004-05
Mrs. John Byington	2005-07
Mrs. Peter Read	2007-09
*Deceased	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members,

Once again I approach the 2011 season of The Garden Club of Shelter Island with enthusiasm and joy. We look back over 2010 with pride for a very successful house tour, a banner series of monthly programs and especially the beautification of our precious island. I am especially proud of our instant and vibrant response when called upon, in particular our participation in the Town's "The Green Expo" and the Joey Thienert memorials. Our members rally to the cause with grace and creativity when called upon.

This year I have chosen "Peace and Serenity in the Garden" as our theme. In a world of turmoil, recession, war, stress and uncertainty, there is a need to get back to basics and get our hands back into the dirt. Let us continue our good practice of caring for Shelter Island's public gardens as well as our own personal gardens. Let us grow vegetables, fruit and flowers for all to enjoy. I am proud to be the president of this fine garden club. We work, learn and play together - and we rally to the cause!.

"Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity".

(Lindley Karstens)

Cordially,

Jean Brechter

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PURPOSES

The purposes of the Club are to stimulate the knowledge and love of horticulture, gardening and flower arranging; to share advantages of membership by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications; to foster the interest and participation of children in the various phases of horticulture, gardening, and flower arranging; to promote interest in wayside plantings and home gardens; to aid in the conservation of open space; to protect and enhance the natural beauty of Shelter Island, its roadsides and shorelines; and to present educational programs for the people of the community. (By-Laws Article II and Certificate of Incorporation)

MEETINGS

Regular business meetings will again be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, on the second Wednesday of the month, from April through November. Exceptions are noted in the Calendar of Events & Programs. Be sure to check the Calendar of Events & Programs for field trips, open meetings, workshops and special events. Remember to bring your own bag lunch to the meetings.

Members are encouraged to attend Federated Garden Club meetings, which are incorporated in our Calendar of Events & Programs. Contact a Board member for carpooling information.

The Board meets at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 9:30 on the second Wednesday of each month, from April through November. Exceptions are noted in the Calendar of Events & Programs

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Special Event: A Gaggle of Games

Summer of 2011 will see community participation in "A Gaggle of Games" afternoon of fun to raise funds for community events. Garden Club members donate their time and efforts throughout the year to provide floral pieces for a variety of community projects and fund raisers, such as the Gift of Life Foundation and the Veterans' Memorials. (8 members)

CONTINUING COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Adopted Spaces

Our little band of roving gardeners, including Christina Cunningham, Paulette Van Vranken and Yioula Van Rynbach, have adopted some very visible spots to clean up and care for. Among these are the Ram Island causeway, the bluff at Clinton Avenue and Wade's Beach. For example, Ellen Kornrumpf joined Paulette Van Vranken to help Shelter Island school children plant grasses for erosion control at Wade's Beach with the Group for the East End (10 members)

Civic and Roadside

Jean McClintock secures the new plantings and oversees the team of "Garden Godmothers" that maintain and beautify our Island gardens. Godmothers' Gardens include: Havens House 350th Anniversary Garden, the George's IGA Corner, the Center Post Office boxes, the Heights Post Office flower boxes and tubs, the Whale's Tale Circle at Manwaring & St. Mary's Roads, the Shelter island Library Sitting Garden, the Mashomack entrance sign and Native Garden, the South Ferry Rowboat, the flower beds behind Town Hall, Wilson's Circle in the Center and the Shelter Island School Courtyard Garden.

Community Events

We contribute to and participate in many varied events each year. We create flower arrangements for charitable fund-raising events. These include the Historical Society's House Tour every other year, the Gift of Life Foundation benefit. We plant trees and share an Arbor Day celebration with the Shelter Island School. We create Memorial Day wreaths for the Veterans, and we host a Garden Club Memorial Sunday at the Union Chapel as a time to honor and remember our members who have passed away during the current year. We share many of our Garden Club events with the community, such as the Plant Exchange in the spring, the upcoming Daffodil Show, the Mini Show and the Holiday Workshop to close our Garden Club year in late fall. In addition, we open a select number of our regular programs presented at our Club meetings throughout the year to the community. (60 members)



*Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come and go;
it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow.*

Conservation

Paulette Van Vranken, Ellen Kornrumpf and volunteers maintain the Native Plant Garden at Mashomack Preserve. Every year they help to plant grasses at Wade's beach with Group for the East End and school kids. They also keep both club and community members and the Town Board aware and informed of environmental issues by writing newspaper articles and giving reports and by introducing wild plants, flowers and invasive species relating to conservation issues during Club meetings. (10 members)

Garden Therapy

Ann Diefendorf and IdaMarie Bottone, along with a host of volunteers, create and deliver small bouquets with "Meals on Wheels" trays and conduct flower arranging workshops at San Simeon-by-the-Sound adult care facility. (12 members)

Garden Therapy (Youth Division)

Youth Division members, cheer shut-in community residents with floral gifts that accompany the Meals-on-Wheels program. (15 members)

Herb Garden

Elizabeth Munson, Sarah Shepherd, Trina Waldron, Angela Van Rynbach and several other members, with Carmel Bodnar as mentor, maintain the charming colonial herb garden at the Shelter Island Historical Society's Havens House. (6 members)

Library Flowers

Every two weeks throughout the year, a different Garden Club member graces the Shelter Island Library with a floral arrangement with a list of plant materials on display. This program is a learning tool for the community. Valerie Levenstein recruits members to participate in this much appreciated program. (25 members)

Memorials

Every year, we donate an appropriate book to the Library for each member who has passed away. Other memorials, such as benches and trees, are placed in public places for the enjoyment of the whole community. (1 member)

Publicity

Hilary King makes sure that Garden Club news and events are reported to all the local newspapers, radio and television stations as well as the New York Times and Long Island Newsday. (2 members)

Website

Patricia Shillingburg has provided members and the community with in–stant access to all of our activities and events through the establishment of a website, www.shelter-island/garden_club. Flower Show or House Tour information, club meetings, events and any information of importance to our members and to the community relating to Garden Club will be found at the website. (1 member)

Youth

Youth Division meetings are held throughout the school year from 2:30 to 4pm on Tuesdays at the SI school cafeteria. Youth members range in age from 4 to 17 years and may join at any time. The curriculum is designed to parallel the Garden Club adult programs and to prepare the youth for adult membership (at age 18). The Courtyard Gardens, established in 1997, are located behind the school cafeteria and consist of four teaching gardens: The Daffodil Garden, the Herb Garden, the Native Plant Garden and the Four Seasons Garden. There are 13 divisions of daffodils for horticultural entries in the Daffodil Shows. The Herb Garden plants are used for culinary and decorative purposes and the Four Seasons Garden flowers are used for design and for botanical classes. The gardens are designed as a habitat for birds and butterflies. In 2000 the climbing ‘New Dawn Rose’ and the weeping cherry tree ‘Snow Fountain’ were planted - both flowering and visible from the school’s Commencement tent at graduation time.

The yearly membership averages between 12 to 16 members. The parents often attend and enjoy the classes as well. Carol Russell has been chair since 1997.



*Let us be grateful to people who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners
who make our souls blossom.*

OPEN MEETINGS

We welcome all members of the Shelter Island community to several events each year.

The descriptions, times and locations are found in the Calendar of Events and Programs for 2011.

SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATIONS IN KEEPING WITH OUR STATED PURPOSES

The Nature Conservancy's Mashomack Preserve

Friends of Trees

Shelter Island Historical Society

Shelter Island Public Library

Gift of Life Foundation

The American Daffodil Society, Inc.

Second District Scholarship Fund

East End Hospice



To be overcome by the fragrance of flowers is a delectable form of defeat.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

"Peace and Serenity in the Garden"

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on Wednesdays at

The Parish Hall, St. Mary's Episcopal Church
26 St. Mary's Road, Shelter Island, New York 11964
(631) 749-3472

- March 9 9:30 **Board Meeting**
11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
12:30 ***The Garden Begins - How to Start from Seed***
Garden Fusion in East Marion sells over 250 varieties of herbs and vegetable plants (about ½ certified organic) as well as a selection of unique annuals and perennials. As all his plants are grown on site, we have asked owner, Walter Gaipa, to share his knowledge on starting from seed and the best ways to get your garden started.
Event Chair: Patricia Shillingburg
St. Mary's Parish Hall
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- April 13 9:30 **Board Meeting**
11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
12:30 ***How your Daffodils can steal the Show!***
We welcome back Lissa Williamson, Regional Vice-President of the Mid-Atlantic Region for the American Daffodil Society. A Daffodil Judge as well as a National Garden Club Judge, Lissa will demonstrate the best ways to groom and stage our daffodil entries for the show. Anyone entering their daffodils in the Design Division will benefit from watching her create floral arrangements using all the daffodil "tricks of the trade."
Event Chair: Mary Dwyer
St. Mary's Parish Hall
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- April 15 2-6:00 **Registration of exhibits for entry in the 2011 Daffodil Show.**
(Sat) Community participation is encouraged and welcome.
The Ram's Head Inn
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- April 16 8-8:45 Late entries and design
9-11:30 Horticultural Judging
10-11:30 Design Judging
11:30 Judges' Luncheon
2-5:00 **The 2011 Daffodil Show & Afternoon Tea**
"Ode to Daffodils" by W. Wordsworth
Event Chairs: Carole Read and Dianne Bowditch
The Ram's Head Inn
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- May 11 9:30 **Board Meeting**
 11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
 12:30 **Succession Planting**
 Master Gardener, Barbara Ann Levine, is a Past President of the Long Island Horticultural Society and has presented on TV channels 7 & 12. She is a docent at the New York Botanical Gardens and gives monthly “Talks & Tours” at Old Westbury Gardens. Barbara will share her secrets on having continuous color in the garden. It is all about planning combinations that change with the seasons.
 Event Chair: Judy Brandenstein
St. Mary's Parish Hall
- May 18 11:00 **Conservancy Garden Cleanup**
 An annual prune and mulch of the Native Plant Garden created by Garden Club Friends of Mashomack, ensures preservation of indigenous flora. Bring gloves, clippers and rakes. All members are needed!
 Event Chair: Paulette Van Vranken
*Native Plant Garden
 Mashomack Preserve*
- May 25 2:00 **Past Presidents' and New Members' Tea**
 Celebrating the Presidents of our past and welcoming the members of our future.
*The Presbyterian Church
 Fellowship Hall
 32 North Ferry Road*
- May 28 8:30-10:30 **Isabel Bowditch Memorial Plant Exchange**
 (Sat) All Shelter Island gardeners and friends are welcome to share the abundance of their gardens in a free exchange of plant treasures and garden goodies. Youth program participants will contribute seedlings.
*The Havens House
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*



Flowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts.

- Aug 10 9:30 **Board Meeting**
 11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
 12:30 ***Fragrance in the Twilight Garden***
 Carol Kunz Zambraskil is back to promote how to enjoy your garden in the evening. A professional horticulturist for over 20 years, Carol will help us plan a restful retreat with a garden of fragrant flowers. She has full garden plans, container ideas for our decks and patios and a plant list so we can fill in those bare spots in the garden.
 Event Chair: Andrea Caccese
St Mary's Parish Hall
- Aug 14 10:00 **Garden Club Memorial Sunday**
 (Sun) We join the community at Union Chapel to celebrate the lives of deceased members with a single rose given to their families.
 Event Chairs: Barbara Hayes and Lois Weir
Union Chapel in the Grove
- Sept 14 9:00 **Board Meeting**
 11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
 12:30 ***Getting ready for the Mini-Show***
 National Garden Clubs' Accredited Flower Show Judge, Laura McLaughlin, returns with a program geared toward newer members. Working from the show schedule, Laura will attempt to demystify the NGC Handbook terminology with a few pointers on just what will push your design "over the top."
 Event Chair: Stephanie Lebowitz
St Mary's Parish Hall
- Sept 16 8-10:30 **"Mini" Show set-up**
 (Fri) *St. Mary's Parish Hall*
- Sept 17 **The Garden Club "Mini" Show**
 (Sat) ***A Learning Show***
 This show is not judged - allowing members to try new designs and experiment with new ideas.
 9:30-11:30 Entries accepted
 1:00-4:00 "Mini" Flower Show
 Event Chairs: Olivia McCrossen and Mary Dwyer
St Mary's Parish Hall
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Oct 12 9:30 **Board Meeting**
 11:00 **Regular Business Meeting**
 12:30 **Artistic Pruning of Trees and Shrubs**
 Certified Arborist A.J.Remy of Remy Tree Inc. in Sag Harbor is a member of The International Society of Arboricultural Association and a member of the Long Island Arboricultural Association. Twice he has been New York State Tree Climbing Champion and has competed internationally. He will lead us in a discussion:
- a) Preserving the character, texture and form of trees and shrubs while pruning.
 - b) Understanding one's pruning objective.
 - c) The process of making cuts.
- Event Chair: Jodie Luke
St Mary's Parish Hall
- Oct 19 1:45 **Arbor Day Planting**
 Every year the Garden Club plants one of the 27 trees native to Shelter Island on the grounds of our school.
 Event Chair: Carol Russell
Shelter Island School
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Oct 22 **Annual Meeting and Luncheon**
 (Sat) **Installation of New Officers**
 11:30 Cocktails
 12:00 Luncheon
 Event Chairs: Janet D'Amato and Betty Hansel
Gardiner's Bay Country Club
- Nov 9 9:30 **Board Meeting**
 11:30 **Regular Business Meeting**
 12:30 **"Slaves in the Attic: The Extraordinary Story of a Northern Plantation."**
 Journalist and garden historian, Mac Griswold, received a Guggenheim Fellowship for her forthcoming book about Sylvester Manor. With this newly published book in hand, Mac will read and show photographs of the history of Shelter Island, relating how artifacts from the field digs, the famed boxwoods, a silver porringer (now at the Met) and other important articles all tell the story of a piece of land - the manor itself. Mac will cover the narrative of American slavery and its vital part in the fabric of this history.
Copies of the book will be for sale - a great gift for Christmas!
 Event Chair: Joanne Andreach
St Mary's Parish Hall
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nov 29 11:00 **Cutting of the Greens**
Bring your pruners. *Rain date is November 30th.*
Event Chair: Bev Cahill and Aimee Hanna
Sylvester Manor

Dec 14 10:00 **Holiday Greens Workshop**
A fun workshop for members and interested community friends.
Create holiday home décor or gifts from the greens provided by
the members of the club. Bring tools and materials to use or
purchase items from Ways and Means.
Event Chair: Bev Cahill and Aimee Hanna
St Mary's Parish Hall
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



*There is material enough in a single flower
for the ornament of a score of cathedrals.*

**SECOND DISTRICT
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE, INC.**

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2011

February 28	District Board Meeting
March 7	President's Council - Planting Fields Arboretum
March 14	Snow Date: President's Council
March 29-31	FGCNYS Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY
April 4	District Board Meeting
April 11	District Spring Luncheon Meeting Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, NY
May 23	District Board Meeting
June 2	Design Workshops, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn 10am-12 and 12:30-2:30
June 23	Design Workshops, Montfort Missionaries, Bay Shore 10am-12 and 12:30-2:30
June 27	District Board Meeting
September 26	District Board Meeting



God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.