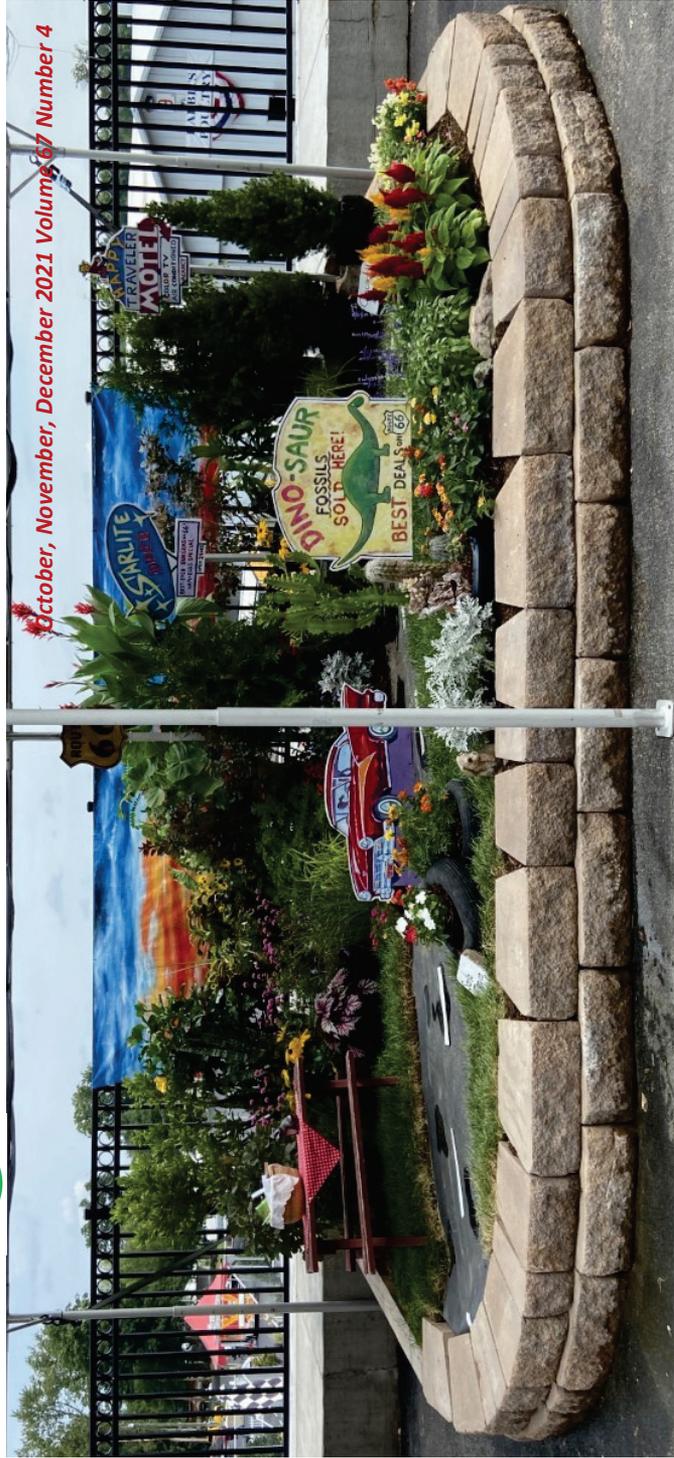




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# Director's Message

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As we move into fall, we remember the summer. Some good and some bad.

- Losing Grace Lucas was the worst. Totally unanticipated and overwhelming. We will keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers
- On the bright side, we had a nice warm sunny summer. Sometimes too warm but my garden seemed to like it. I had blooms all summer and it looks like they will continue into fall.

I am looking forward to meeting and talking with all our member flower lovers. In fact, I was already invited by several clubs to share their outings. Kenmore Garden Club celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with festivities and a catered lunch. What a great milestone. My congratulations go out to them. Hamburg Garden Club invited me to join them for a tour of the Knox Estate. We learned how to identify the many native trees planted there. I look forward to our District meeting to meet many more Garden Club members

The Erie County Fair flower show was a great success. We had fewer entries than before the pandemic, but that was to be expected. We send out thanks to Monica and Debbie for all their hard work. It really paid off. Did you know, the Erie County Fair is the state's second-largest fair and one of the largest county fairs in the U.S.?

Now as we look forward to Fall, be sure to remember the District 8 FGCNYS Fall Meeting and Luncheon at The Columns Banquet on October 14<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a great time when we can meet and greet old friends and make new ones. Get your registration in to Debbie Adams by September 30th.

Fall is the season for Mother Nature to end another growing season with her spectacular display of colors. Be sure to take time to enjoy it. Get out to some of Western NY's wonderful Fall Festivals. I particularly like the one at Rock City near Olean.

*Annette*



## Read the Label then **BUY LOCAL!**

I read an article about hard apple cider being processed in Vermont, but the juice they are using is imported from China! Aren't there enough apples in the U.S.?

I was going to purchase some frozen spinach from a local grocery store; the label said it was a product of China, so I wrote to the market, and they said there wasn't enough spinach available in the U.S. Really? At another store their frozen spinach was a product of the U.S. Guess where I bought my spinach?

I checked the label on frozen haddock: a product of Iceland; processed in... you guessed it – China! That's an awful lot of travel for that poor fish!

And why are so many fresh fruits and vegetables being shipped in from California, Florida and New Jersey or even Mexico and Canada when they are grown in abundance right here in western New York? Granted, we do have a winter season when we can't get things like peppers, lettuce and of course bananas, but we can still buy apples, winter squash, potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips and a lot more that are grown and stored locally.

October is a great time to stock up on locally grown winter squash. If you keep it in a cool place, it will be fine well into late winter.

Put on your reading glasses; read the fine print and buy local whenever possible!

### TIP of the HAT with THANKS & APPRECIATION

From Annette Kuhn to :



- Nancy Kalieta for her ongoing direction and assistance
- Monica Hanson and Debbie Braun for donating their FAIR salary to District 8
- All the members of the District 8 Erie County Fair Committee for a great Flower Show
- All the club members who participated in the Erie County Fair
- Kenmore Garden Club for their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- All the Club members who beautified Western NY with their upkeep of local gardens
- Debbie Adams for giving us the weekly Flower Photo show

# *In Memory of Grace Lucas*

*submitted by: Linda Blyth and Joliane Houghton*



Grace had been a member of Kenmore Garden Club since 2009 and with her, the cream rose to the top very quickly. One of my first memories of her as a new member was approaching the current president asking, “What can I do to help?” She was always outgoing, welcoming and inclusive of all members. She was a dreamer and a planner – coming up with new and creative ways to enhance our club, the district and our community.

When she became aware that some of our older members needed assistance with their gardens, she organized “Helping Hands” where help was offered with weeding, planting and garden maintenance. Always one to love floral design, she attended the Creative Floral Arts classes given by Judges Council. And not content to keep this knowledge to herself, she mentored and lovingly critiqued novice members who displayed their new found talents at monthly meetings.

She LOVED our flower shows and enjoyed the process of creating a schedule almost as much as doing table designs. Grace held several offices in our club including president, and she served the district as recording secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant director and of course most recently as director, which she was so excited to do

True to her name, she served with grace and style. She will be sorely missed!



**EIGHTH DISTRICT  
FALL MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021  
THE COLUMNS BANQUETS  
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**9:00 AM Registration (coffee and tea)  
10:00 AM Business Meeting  
12:00 PM Luncheon**

**MENU**

**Entrée Choices:**

Chicken Casino with bacon & bell pepper cream sauce  
OR Oven Roasted Salmon with lobster dill cream sauce  
All entrées include Caesar Salad, Twice Baked Potato,  
String Beans, Rolls/Butter, Rice Pudding, Coffee/Tea

We are honored to have Nell Gardener, owner and operator of Flower Fields, a cut flower farm near Batavia, as our speaker. Although Nell is well known in the field of horticulture, and dried floral design, she also played a major role in the restoration of the gardens at Graycliff as well as the Darwin Martin House in Buffalo. She will be sharing her experiences with us at our October meeting.

**The Table Design Theme:** Celebrate our harvest using fruits, vegetables and flowers featuring colors ranging from aubergine and burgundy to mauve and violet. Place the design in the center of your table by 10:30 am for judging. Peoples' Choice Awards will be presented.

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# Cornerstone Manor

Dorothy Romanczuk, *Chair*

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My e-mail is  
droman13@verizon.net  
Let me know if you can help  
make this happen.

## Fredonia Garden Club Receives Grant

Beverly Smith, President Fredonia GC

The Fredonia Garden Club received a Community Pride Grant from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation for a community beautification project. A black steel bench was installed near the Fredonia Fire Department and the Canadaway Bridge. The club will enhance and maintain the restful spot with flowers and shrubs. The grant was made possible through the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation's generous community minded donors who are committed to improving the community through the promotion of local philanthropy, strategic grant making, and community leadership.



Photo info: Front row: (L-R) Beverly Smith, Deb Messere, Rosemary Mancuso  
Back row: (L-R) Linda Walters, Pamela Waite, Roxanne Fisk, Robin Carr



## Increase in Purple Loosestrife

Last year I started noticing the increase of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and this season it seems to be everywhere. I asked Sharon Bachman and Andrea Lock from WNYPRISM why this was happening.

They both agreed that the insects that had been released to control the invasive were very successful. With the decline of loosestrife, the insects also declined. This has led to the return of the invasive plant. Andrea said they were not worried because as the plant spreads the insects will increase and an element of control will follow. A good example of nature controlling nature.

NYSDEC had the following information about the biocontrol insects used. “Four species beetles (2 leaf beetles and 2 weevils) have been released in the United States as biocontrol agents for purple loosestrife. They have had some measure of success controlling purple loosestrife populations. The leaf-feeding beetles *Galerucella calmariensis* and *G. pusilla* defoliate and attack apical buds as both adults and larvae and can slow growth and diminish seed



production. The weevil *Nanophyes marmoratus* feeds on seeds and flower buds, and the weevil *Hylobius transversovittatus* attacks both roots (as larvae) and foliage (as adults).”

Purple loosestrife is a perennial plant that prefers full sun and wetland soil. Part of its ability to spread is that it can also grow in fields, ditch banks and gardens. I remember in its heyday seeing the marsh area at Montezuma Wildlife Refuge literally solid purple. Why is it a problem?

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Unfortunately, it is a beautiful plant and people adding it to their gardens helped the spread. It is now illegal to buy. A sterile cultivar was introduced but it wound up not being sterile. Purple loosestrife is a very prolific seed producer and the seeds last in the soil for 3 years. The plants form dense stands which inhibit nesting by native waterfowl and other birds. Other aquatic wildlife, such as amphibians and turtles, may be similarly affected. The dense roots and stems trap sediments, raising the water table and reducing open waterways, which in turn may diminish the value of managed wetlands and impede water flow.

If you see it or have it on your property pull it out being careful to get all the roots. This will have to be repeated for a few years to exhaust the seedbank.

For more information, photos and descriptions of the plant and it's spread go to: [http://nyis.info/invasive\\_species/purple-loosestrife/](http://nyis.info/invasive_species/purple-loosestrife/)



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# Erie County Fair Flower Show



by Debbie Braun

Well after two years we finally had the flower show at the Erie County Fair! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the show a success. Monica Hansen for her tireless work getting 24 judges from all over NYS to judge the beautiful designs and horticultural specimens entered this year. Monica and her helpers also worked very hard to arrange our horticulture displays. To Nancy Kalieta, who helped in every aspect of the show. To the classification team for doing yeoman's work classifying in the extreme heat the 400+ specimens in horticulture on entry day. To put together a show this size with hort and designs requires a lot of hands.

Congratulations to Lancaster Garden Club for their 1<sup>st</sup> place win for the Outdoor Gardens (*see front cover*). Their depiction of *Route 66* was well done! Bravo!

All of the gardens, designs and hort were spectacular! We had 14 clubs enter this year. Thank you!

The top NGC Award winners were:

Award of Design Excellence – Dianne Sippel – Smallwood Garden Club

Award of Horticultural Excellence – Deborah Donaldson

Please check out the Erie County Fair website, [ecfair.org](http://ecfair.org), for all the winners.

Sweepstakes were won by:

Design – Orchard Park Garden Club

Horticulture – Eden Garden Club

Botanical Arts – Lancaster Garden Club

Exhibitor – blue ribbons – Jackie Emerling – Hamburg House & Garden

Exhibitor – red ribbons – Annette Kuhn – Ken Sheriton Garden Club

We have already started planning for next year's show! More info to follow!

# Scholarship Report

Jody Bailey, Chair

This year's recipient of the \$1,000 college stipend, Logan Fournier, sent a thank-you note to the District in early July. He wrote that the generous gift will go a long way toward the supplies he needs to excel in college.

## DEC Conservation Camp Scholarship Opportunities

The *Eighth District of Federated Garden Clubs of NYS* is sponsoring a scholarship for a week of fun and outdoor adventure at a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation camp for children ages 11-13 years of age. Applicants may choose between Camp Rushford and Camp Pack Forest. Also, the *Federated Gardens Clubs of New York State* sponsor a scholarship to DEC environmental camps that includes 14- to 17-year-olds.

More information and applications are available on the district website under scholarships. Additional information about the camps may be found at [www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html)

For the past two summers, DEC summer educational camps were not held due to the pandemic. At this time, it is unknown if these opportunities will be available in 2022. However, it is important to get the word out to interested youth if the camps open in 2022.

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# Youth Report

Dorothy Julius, Chair

Do you ever just sit outside in the silence?

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You can calculate the outside temperature by counting the number of cricket sounds. Count the number of chirps in 15 seconds, add 37 and you will have the temperature outside. Or maybe you would like to sit on the porch to listen to the rain falling on your Hosta leaves as raindrops run down the deep veins of the leaves. Or show your grandchildren how the pattern on a pinecone (2,1,2,1) is repeated in paving stones.

Let's open the eyes of the next generation to the beauty of nature that surrounds us every day. Maybe your love of nature will inspire your children and grandchildren to become a botanist, a farmer, or a conservationist.

The FGCNYS is offering a Youth Poetry Contest 2021-22 titled "Sing with the Songbirds - Exploring the Glory of Nature" for children preschool to 12th grade. Deadline to submit to this chairman is Nov. 15th. The Smokey the Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest is right around the corner too. Deadline for the poster contest is Dec. 15, 2021. For more information on either contest please contact me either by phone (681-1473) or by email at [dorothymjulius@gmail.com](mailto:dorothymjulius@gmail.com).

*Let's make a difference together.*

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## Design Awards



**Design  
Excellence  
Award**

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Diane Sippel Duo design: *Grand Canyon* (left) *Niagara Falls* (right) *Smallwood Garden Club* Photos: *Annette Kuhn & Carol-Jo Pope*



*Left and Middle: OPGC Members: Mary Ann Schubert: Luncheon Table for one: "National Zoo" (First) & Eileen Carrier: "Vegas Strip", 4th Place AND 8th District Director's Award for Best 4th Place in Design. Right: Eden Garden Club Member Michelle Wilson captured the Great Northwest in High & Low: "Mt. Rainier"(2nd) . Photo: Marlene Sullivan. Among the design photos submitted these were my favorite Cj Pope*

*Centerpiece Left*

Translation:  
**LET THE GO**

# ROULER! ING SEA!



## Horticulture Awards



### Jackie Emerling takes the Grand Tour!

Jackie Emerling was in the driver's seat of a Grand Torino when she "toured the USA" in the District 8 Fair Flower Show competition this year. A Hamburg House & Garden Club member, Jackie took blue ribbons for her Petit Design: "Gateway Arch" ... her Window Garden: "Grand Ole Opry" ... and in Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts for her decorated Birdhouse—"Los Angeles". Because she swept blue ribbons in Design, Horticulture and Botanical Arts, she took home the **Individual Sweepstakes Award** awarded to a single club member!

← Photos Jeannie Burke |



Left: Pat Peterson, Southtowns Gardeners: Broken Pot, **Grower's Choice Award!**  
Photo Linda Meissner

Right: Jeannie Burke's First place Huechera Leafed chandelier interpreted "Graceland".



Centerpiece Right

**GOOD TIMES ROLL!**



## *Club activities for October, November, December 2021*

### **Erie I            Melissa Marcus, Section Chair**

**Cinderella Isle GC** The October meeting will feature a program on Polish Herbs, Flowers & Folk Medicine presented by Sophie Hodorowicz. A floral workshop will be conducted by Sue Berger from Flower-A-Day Florist at the November meeting. Members will enjoy a Holiday Celebration in December.

**East Park CG** (President Rose Mary Madejski) The Club held a perennial plant sale on September 18, 2021. The October meeting will be a planning session for decorating the Theodore Roosevelt Site for the Holidays. In November, members will finalize plans and make decoration for the TR Site. A Christmas party will be held at a member's house in December.

### **Erie II            Louise Hennings, Section Chair**

**Kenmore GC** (Linda Blyth & Jolaine Houghton, Co-Presidents) The TR Site Committee will meet in October to plan decorations for the Victorian Christmas at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. We will decorate on November 29<sup>th</sup>. In December we hope to have our Christmas luncheon at Events at the Wurlitzer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

**GC of the Tonawandas** (Cathi Ullenbruch, President) Members of the Garden Club are looking forward to beginning meetings this quarter. After catching up with old friends, we will discuss plans for collecting food and gifts for a local family. The food and gifts will be delivered to the family at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Ken-Sheriton GC** (Therese Malchioro, new President) In October we will have a workshop at St Marks to create 9 table centerpieces for Cornerstone Manor. November brings a planning session at St Marks for the TR Site. We will have our annual Christmas luncheon in December.

### **Erie III            Dorothy Romanczuk, Section Chair**

**Eden Garden Study** (Co-Presidents Sue Eye & Marlene Sullivan) NEW MEETING DAY: 2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m. October's meeting finds Terry Skura talking about Customs and Lore of Halloween. & Use of Ancient Herbs. Fall and Winter Back Yard Birds with Wildbirds Unlimited is on the agenda for November. A wreath will be put on the Blue Star Memorial. The Christmas Luncheon will be at the Four Corner's Restaurant in December followed by

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creating winter landscapes in planters on Main Street. Every month the club is working on new and creative ways to increase membership.

**Evans GC** (President Miriam Oster) Meeting 2nd Tuesday- 7:00 p.m. October's meeting features Emily Dutrick from Kwilo's Farm making fall centerpieces. Guest speaker in November is Steve Stymes of the WNY Rose Society, who will do a power-point presentation on Roses. A Gnome Sweet Gnome Workshop in November will be the decorations for their December celebration. The annual Christmas Party will also be a collection of personal hygiene items collected to donate to the Angola Operation Good Neighbor Project.

**Hamburg GC** (Co-Presidents Paula Gober & Debbie Adams) Meeting 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m. October's program features OPGC member Wendy Zebehazy on her photography techniques focusing on capturing flowers and birds in her backyard. "Holiday Greenery, Herbs & Spices" by WNY Herb Society member Alice Hazel is the topic for November. A pinecone workshop is also planned along with civic wreath making. A Christmas Luncheon is planned at The Columns in December.

**Hamburg House & Garden** (President Sue Van Tine) Meeting 4th Tuesday- 7:00 p.m. October's meeting's speaker is Bonnie Bullivant. She will talk about "Christmas Around the World". There are no meetings planned for November, December and January.

## **Erie IV**

## **Shelly Gerovac, Section Chair**

**Smallwood GC** (President Kathy Humphrey) This has been a summer filled with joy in our gardens and small personal get togethers. It is now with much anticipation and excitement that the Smallwood Garden Club will resume our monthly in-person meetings in September. We are deeply grateful for the use of the large, well-ventilated space at the Faith United Church, who will partner with us on our botanical journeys together. We will not open our meetings to the community yet but will discuss this possibility on a monthly basis. Our group will be asked to wear masks and socially distance as able during the meetings, keeping the health of our club a priority. During the next months, we'll explore fall container gardening, house plants both common and unusual, a dynamic presentation about this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, and a Succulent extravaganza! The Club extends our condolences to the Federation at large on the recent loss of Grace. We commend your ability to face the challenges of leadership and keep us all well supported and informed. Thank you.

**Forest Stream GC** (Sue Goeckel & Liza Mitchell, Co-Presidents submitted by Nancy Trimble, Co-Vice President) For our October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will be working on decorations for Victorian Christmas at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site for 2021. The November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a presentation of Holiday Table Decorations by member, Joann

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Jarmusz. She will show us ways to change Thanksgiving arrangements to December (Christmas and Hanukkah) arrangements. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the holidays at a dinner at the Transit Valley Country Club for members and guests.

**Cheektowaga GC** (Cindy Zaborowski and Eileen Beiter, Co-Presidents) The club will have its first meeting on 9/13/21. The meeting topic will be on "Bees." They will meet at Maryvale Drive Presbyterian Church. In October, they plan to do a program on roses. For November, a Meals-on-Wheels project with a Thanksgiving theme will be done.

**Amherst GC** (President Eleanor Wolford) In October, they will have a presentation on the Legends, Lore, and use of Herbs by Peggy Nash. She is a Master Gardener from the Niagara County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For November, they will also be working on a holiday luncheon. On Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, they will have a holiday luncheon at the Brookfield Country Club. Further details are forthcoming.

**Erie V Carol Ottaviani, Section Chair**

**Bowmansville GC** (Exec. Board: Adrienne Pasquariello, Judy Visco & Mary Montoro Biondo) Club member, Kathy Kwiatkowski will demonstrate methods of decorating a pumpkin at the October meeting at the Bowmansville Fire Hall. No plans have been made yet for the November meeting. The club's Christmas Party will be held at the Lancaster Country Club.

**South Town Gardeners** (President, Linda Meissner) Some members will be taking the on-line Environmental course during October. A meeting will be held at the West Seneca Senior HS in October. Members will then travel to the Botanical Gardens for a tour of the gardens. Dorothy Julius will be the guest speaker at the November meeting. She will demonstrate how to create holiday designs. Club members will have a Christmas Party in December, venue not yet finalized.

**Town & Country GC** (Joy Sarkesian, President) Club members will go Apple picking and enjoy lunch at Hurd Gardens in Holley N.Y., in October. A speaker has not yet been chosen for the November meeting. Members will attend a Christmas luncheon that will take place at a local restaurant or a club member's home in December. A needy family will be adopted by the club by providing food baskets or gift items.

**Lancaster GC** (Milissa Jurewicz, President) Members will meet at St. John's Lutheran Church Hall on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm. The theme for October is "Let's go Wild". The guest speaker will be presenting information on the many types of wildlife here in WNY. In keeping with the theme, the club's Community Service Project will be donating supplies to an animal rescue charity. The theme for November is "Let's Get Ready to Party". Members will be doing a hands-on project relating to their Christmas Party being held at Ripa's on December 8th.

**Erie VI Esther Kopp, New Section Chair**

**Amana GC** (Janice Frasier, President) The Amana Garden Club will have the following programs during the fall meetings: October - annual "pound" auction.

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November- a workshop on mass designs by Janice Frasier. December - annual Christmas Party at Ilio DiPaolo's.

**Countryside GC** (LuAnn Burghardt, President) October - We will gather for a business meeting and presentation by Kristy Schmitt, Director of Education at the Botanical Gardens, on The World of Mosses. November - During our business meeting we will have our Election of Officers and then a presentation by Donna Lipowicz, President of Niagara Frontier Orchid Society, "*Orchids for Everyone*". Club members will bring their orchids for Donna to evaluate if there is a concern. December - Members will enjoy our annual Christmas Luncheon at Rick's on Main in East Aurora, NY.

**East Aurora GC** (Lorene Britton, President) October –“Protecting & Revitalizing”, speaker from Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper. November - Speaker, Orlando Monaco from The Sinking Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary in East Aurora. December - will be the Annual Christmas Party at the East Aurora Country Club.

**Holland GC** (Tammy Schmidt, President) no report

**Orchard Park GC** (Ellie Foster, President) October - Our program is our annual auction. We bring in any garden related items to promote Reuse and Recycling. November - "*Iron Chef Flower Design Style*": Several members compete to create designs during the meeting with same materials provided to each. December – Annual Christmas Luncheon. We exchange small designs as gifts.

**Niagara I Barbara Stafford, Section Chair**

**Lewiston GC** (President Sharon Low) The Lewiston Garden Club is happy to be back to meeting in person and will have an October evening potluck supper. A program for that meeting will be announced when plans are finalized. November's meeting will be held at the Lewiston Red Brick School for the preparation of wreaths and garlands that are used to decorate Center Street for the holiday season. Later in the month, members will hang these festive decorations. In December, the club hopes to hold its customary Christmas luncheon and plans to continue its tradition of adopting families referred by the Niagara Falls Community Mission and providing gifts and food baskets.

**Youngstown GC** (President Joan Gillespie) In October club members will meet to clean out Youngstown's civic beds, followed by dinner afterwards. The November meeting will feature Rachel from the Plant Shack in Lewiston, who will make a presentation on terrarium gardening. On December 8 the club will hold its annual Christmas party.

**Chautauqua Marcia Becker, Section Chair**

**Bud 'n Bloom GC** (Judith Wilcox, Co-President) no report

**Fredonia GC** (Beverly Smith, President) Planning and preparing theme baskets for the Forestville fall festival October 9-10 and hope to expose our garden club activities and programs to encourage new members

**Jamestown GC** (Patty Idzik, President) no report



# FGCNYS Life Members

**Marilee Farry, *Chairman***

We are finally going to have our Life Membership Luncheon! We have the date and site for our Luncheon. Do save the date! It is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the Twentieth Century Club on 595 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202. Parking is located behind the building on Franklin Street (north) via Allen. We welcome all new members, and applications are available via District 8 or your Garden Club president. Join with us and be honored at our Luncheon. We will introduce our new FGCNYS District 8 Life Members in a special ceremony and door prizes will be announced during the meal. It will be an enjoyable time for all!

Social hour will begin at eleven a.m. and there will be a cash bar available for spirits or soda. Luncheon will begin at noon with a choice of salmon, poultry, or vegetarian pasta including salad, rolls, and dessert, coffee, tea, or soda for \$35.00 including gratuity. I will be happy to take your initial phone reservations and your menu choice during the month of October at 716-668-1789. Following your phone call, please send your \$35.00 check (made out to District 8 Life Membership) with your menu choice on the bottom left. Send your check no later than October 31 to:

Marilee Farry  
103 Towers Blvd.  
Cheektowaga, New York 14227



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# Birds, Bugs & Butterflies

by: Marilee M. Farry, *Chair*



I read recently that the fall migration has begun, and the raptors have started to head south. I have seen eagles and vultures flying near Lake Erie and wonder if they will stay the winter or not. Large flocks of starlings are gathering and doing their acrobatics in the sky. I am amazed that they don't crash into each other. The crows seem more vocal than usual.

Autumn will be here soon!

I do want to inform you of the strange disease of birds that has appeared this summer. It is a deadly disease affecting song and other birds. You are encouraged to remove your bird feeders and hummingbird feeders for a month or longer. WEAR DISPOSABLE GLOVES and wash the feeders with soap and water and soak them in a 10% Clorox solution and let air dry. If you find a dead bird, pick it up with gloved hands, place in a plastic bag and put in the regular garbage. The disease is being rigorously studied and is very contagious in birds. Be sure to dispose of your gloves and wash your hands with lots of soap and water.

## WORLD GARDENING



**Sharon Low, Chair**

Reminder: District 8 is still sending donations to World Gardening.

Checks should be made payable to FGCNYS and sent to:

Sharon Low, District Chair 8

5251 Bronson Dr.

Lewiston, NY 14092.

Please mention in the memo section where the donation should go, either Water for South Sudan or Dig Deep.

# Victorian Christmas

Judy Cavagnaro, *Chair* and Adrienne Pasquariello, *Co-Chair*



In 2021, the TR Site is marking fifty years since it opened to the public as a museum. They are eager to celebrate this milestone and the many community members who have been a part of the journey during Victorian Christmas. With that in mind, Stars of Gold will be used as this year's decorating theme. We're delighted with the many possibilities this theme offers.

For a coordinated appearance throughout the Site, designs/exhibits should be created using fresh greens; this year's colors are gold, emerald green and rose pink. Designs/exhibits should contain fresh or dried plant material. All greens must be fresh. Dried plant materials may be treated (painted, sprayed, glycerinized). Installation of designs/exhibits will take place between 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM on Monday, November 29th and Tuesday, November 30th. Late entries may be placed, but will not be included in the printed program. Designs/exhibits must be dismantled & removed no later than Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 (details to follow). Looking forward to another shining year of celebration at the TR Site.

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## *2022 Vision of Beauty Calendars*

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Diana Szczepanski, *Chair*

CLUB PRESIDENTS: The 2022 Vision of Beauty Calendars will be available for you to pick-up at the Fall District Meeting/Luncheon. Please see me to obtain your Club's order. Thank you.

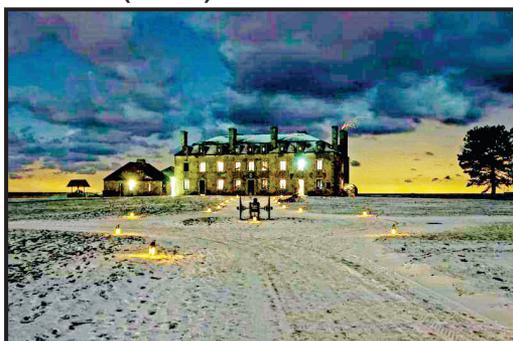
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WREATH SALE**

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*Note: This is ONE WEEK EARLIER.  
Wreaths are un-decorated.*

**ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**PICK UP: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021**

**12:00pm to 4:00pm Home of Dorothy Romanczuk**

Detach the order below and mail with check to:

Dorothy Romanczuk

3921 Monroe Avenue

Hamburg, NY 14075-3724

QUESTIONS: droman13@verizon.net or cell #716-481-1405

**8th DISTRICT WREATH ORDER 2021**

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Responsible for Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF WREATHS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.50 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roping is a special order. Call Dorothy for pricing.

TOTAL DUE \$

**ONE check per club: CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 8 FGCNYS**

*This Wreath Order Form is on the District website at gardenclubsofwny.com*

**DISTRICT 8, FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS**  
**MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING**  
**JULY 8, 2021**  
**Amherst Presbyterian Church**

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM. by District Director, Grace Lucas. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Blessing.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Recording Secretary, Acting-** Marty Mummery asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of District meeting of February 11, 2021 printed in the Figure Eight. There being none, the minutes were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer-** Debbie Adams read the financial report. This will be filed for audit.

**First Assistant Director-** Annette Kuhn has award applications available for interested clubs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Erie County Fair-** Debbie Braun reported that some entries are available. She gave the set-up schedule and encouraged those bringing designs and horticulture to arrive early on the designated days. All entry tickets are only available on-line.

**Scholarship-** Grace said that Jody Bailey Scholarship Chair, reported that Logan Fournier, a graduate of Wilson High School was the recipient of this year's \$1000.00 Scholarship award.

The NYS DEC suspended its Youth Camps this year. If camps return, information will appear in a future Figure Eight.

**Cornerstone Manor-**Dorothy Romanczuk thanked Smallwood GC for help with their garden beds and delivered nine summer centerpieces to the facility. Other clubs are welcome to help make fall or winter centerpieces. Cornerstone is also in need of various clothing items.

**T.R. Site-** The Mansion's annual Christmas decorating project is full. The color scheme this year is Gold, Emerald and Pink.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Schedule.** A tentative schedule was discussed. The fall meeting will be held at the Columns Banquet Facility in October 2021 and will feature Nell Gardner who restored the Graycliff Gardens. The February 2022 meeting will be a Zoom meeting and the speaker will be Mary Brummer. April 2022 meeting Place TBD. July 2022 meeting TBD.

**Executive Board vacancy.** There is need of a new Recording Secretary but no longer a need for a new Photojournalist.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cindy Miranda Woods and seconded by Debbie Adams to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Mummery, acting Secretary

# 8th District HONOR ROLL

Terry Skura, Chair



## *In Remembrance:*

Honoree	Donor
Anita Anderson	Maryann Jumper
Anita Anderson	Kenmore Garden Club
Glenys Butler	Marty Mummery
Glenys Butler	East Aurora Garden Club
Shirley Conner	Forest Stream Garden Club
Grace Lucas	Debra Braun
Grace Lucas	East Aurora Garden Club
Grace Lucas	Hamburg Garden Club
Grace Lucas	Dorothy Julius
Grace Lucas	Maryann Jumper
Grace Lucas	Kenmore Garden Club
Grace Lucas	Marty Mummery
Grace Lucas	Terry Skura
Grace Lucas	South Towns Gardeners
Grace Lucas	Joyce Trudel
Kathleen Quinlan	Orchard Park Garden Club
Richard Talty	Terry Skura

Honor Roll Grants are given out at the Spring District Meeting in April. November 26, 2021 is the deadline for submissions to appear in the winter issue.

This note was received by Esther Kopp from Jeff Lucas.  
The note reads:

*To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when  
it was greatly appreciated.*

*Esther,*

*Thank you for your beautiful sympathy card. Grace was  
so proud to be a member of 8th District FGC of NYS. It  
brought her so much joy and happiness and loved each  
and every one of you. We will all deeply miss her. She  
thanks you for the honor. Jeff Lucas*

# Calendar of Events

- October 5-8.....**Enviornental Course 2 Via ZOOM  
**October 14.....**District VIII Fall Meeting/Luncheon  
The Columns Restauarant  
2221 Transit Road, Elma, NY  
**October 19, 25 & 26.....**Flower Show School Symposium  
Sponsored by District II  
**November 16-19.....**Gardening Study Course III,  
Buffalo Zoom  
**November 20.....**Wreath Order Pickup  
**February 10, 2022.....**District 8 Winter Board Meeting,  
Buffalo Zoom  
**May 17-20, 2022.....**NGC Annual Convention  
Orlando, Florida (all members welcome)

## CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTS

- If you have not mailed your insurance payments of \$4.50 per member, please send a check payable to “FGCNYS District VIII” to Debbie Adams 5410 Roberts Road, Hamburg, NY 14075
- When possible, please support the great businesses that purchase ads in the Figure 8. They help to defray our cost.
- Wreath sale orders are due to be picked up by November 20th (see ad within this issue)
- When you receive an email from Marty Mummery, our Corresponding Secretary, please send it on to your members. Communication is key to a well-informed organization.
- Check out your club’s link from District 8 website. Some have events and activities that are long gone.

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