



## Douglaston Garden Club

### February 2026 Newsletter

Dear Members,

As we navigate this Arctic weather and cabin fever from being indoors, let us just imagine a warm and sunny spring, full of flowers.

## Our Superstars

It is with the greatest pleasure that I announce that Maura Wrynn has been named The Woman of the Year by the Little Neck Douglaston Memorial Day Committee



And another Douglaston Garden Club Board Member, Maria DiChiara has been awarded a Community Service Award by the same committee.



Now, let us let you know about the especially important upcoming events.

**Save the Date**  
**SECOND DISTRICT, FGCNYS**  
PRESENTS A  
**MARCH MINGLE**  
(formally known as Presidents Council)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2026 \* 10AM-3PM**  
Planting Fields Arboretum, Horticultural Education Center  
1395 Planting Fields Rd, Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
(Follow signs to the event. Parking across from the center. No parking on street.)

**“READY, SET, GROW!”**

**MORNING SESSION:**  
Guest Speaker,  
**ALEX CALAMIA FROM NEWS 12**

**LUNCH BREAK:**  
Coffee, tea, and dessert provided.  
Bring your own lunch.

**AFTERNOON SESSION:**  
**Round Table Discussions and Networking**  
Addressing common challenges and finding solutions among our clubs.  
Topics Include:  
Membership, Flower Shows, Youth Groups, Awards, Websites and more.



All members of Second District are welcome.  
This function is free of charge.

**Hicks Flower Show and Luncheon**

**HICKS FLOWER SHOW AND LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2025**

**10:30-11:00 AM Arrive at Hicks Garden Center for their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show -  
free**

**12:30 PM lunch (optional) at Cassariano's\* restaurant. \$40 pp**

**Since there is no tour, we will just casually meet up as we mill around the Hicks flower show exhibit. Prepare to leave Hicks by 12:15 PM so that we all arrive at Cassariano's restaurant for our 12:30 PM lunch date.**

**The \$40 for lunch includes:**

**Appetizer**

**· Main course**

**· Dessert**

**· One glass of wine**

**· Coffee/tea/soft drinks**

**· Gratuity**

**If you plan to attend, please give your \$40 check (no cash) to Rosemarie Robertson at our February 17, 2026, meeting. Transportation is on your own or carpool.**

**Cassariano's Restaurant is located 1.5 miles west of Hicks on Jericho Turnpike - in the same shopping center as North Shore Farms. Upon exiting Hicks, make the first U-turn on Jericho and continue west on Jericho Tpke (going under Northern State Parkway overpass). The restaurant will be on your right.**

**We Need Your Help with Our Annual Luncheon**

**Our Annual Luncheon takes place this year on April 16, 2026, at Strathmore Vanderbilt Country Club.**

**On February 17<sup>th</sup> at our meeting, I will have a sign-up sheet to ask for volunteers and for a promise of a Raffle Donation.**

**The Luncheon is an important part of our fund-raising efforts.**

## Below you can see Save The Date and Directions to Strathmore-Vanderbilt

### Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Spring Luncheon

#### Mark Your Calendar!

We are delighted to announce the upcoming Celebrate Spring Luncheon hosted by the Douglaston Garden Club, Inc. Please join us for a wonderful gathering to welcome the new season.

#### Event Details

- Date: April 16, 2026
- Location: Strathmore-Vanderbilt Country Club, Manhasset, NY

#### Special Activities

- Exquisite Refreshments
- 50/50 Drawing

Stay tuned for more information and save the date to this festive event. We look forward to celebrating spring with you!

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### Hospitality - February 17th, 2026

Tea Sandwiches

Carolyn Karoff

Josephine Marotta

Cindy McCann

Amparo Minogue

Cookies

Norma Mauro

Dorothy Mulholland

Lauretta Mulholland

Fruit

Patricia McCloskey

Arlene McGillick

Centerpiece

Sharon Lee

Our wonderful Environmental Chair Sarah Milunec reports from Florida. She recommends that you fertilize these plants during the cold months:

## 9 Houseplants You **MUST** Fertilize in Winter



**African Violets**  
Low-nitrogen feed



**Orchids (Phalaenopsis)**  
Balanced orchid fertilizer



**Peace Lily**  
Half-strength general



**Cyclamen**  
Weak liquid feed



**Christmas Cactus**  
Light balanced feed



**Kalanchoe**  
Light succulent fertilizer



**Bromeliads**  
Very diluted liquid feed



**Anthurium**  
Feed every 6-8 weeks



**Poinsettia**  
Half-strength houseplant fertilizer

