

Douglaston Garden Club

November Newsletter

Congratulations to our incredible Bake Sale Committee. October 26th dawned sunny and beautiful and our members donated a huge selection of sweet and savory goods. The DGC broke a record, bringing in more than \$2000 in sales. Special thanks to Jeri Lynett and her team, including Colleen and Steve Hurley, Lori Hinchey, Gloria Brehl and all the other members who came out to help with the sale. Our Bake Sale crisscrossed with the Community Church of Douglaston's Apple Festival, which featured games and food for the dozens of costumed kids and their parents. Actually, it gave a boost to our Sale because new customers stopped by.



Looking Forward: DGC is holding a special Fall Decorating Workshop at 9am, the same day as our next meeting on November 19, 2024. Carolyn Brink arranged for the Queens Garden Center in Whitestone to bring the flowers and containers for the Workshop. Cost to members \$25. Those attending must bring a clipper and be there at 8:30AM.

Our November 19th meeting will be special in many ways. Our presenter is Vivian Cimmino of Beautiful Flowers Floristry. Vivian will demonstrate several floral arrangements. Thanks to Doug Montgomery and his colleague Guido Ortenzio, we will be having a special lunch treat that day. (The menu is a secret).

And we look forward to our December 17th Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon at Cassarriano Italian Eatery, 348 E. Jericho Turnpike, Mineola NY. The cost is \$50. Pam Timoyanis is collecting the checks. You can mail your check to Pam at her address on the DGC roster.

Sarah's Horticulture Notes: Because it has been so dry, Sarah suggests extra watering. Do not wait a week, do it now. Watch out for the Lantern Fly egg masses. Put them in a zip lock bag and throw it away. Protect your broadleaf evergreens from **Winter Burn**, when plants lose moisture faster than their roots can replace it. This desiccation can ruin your evergreens. Sarah suggests Wilt Proof Organic Spray to protect Holly, Camelia, Aucuba and Euonymus bushes.

Perennials To Plant in November

Get a head start on your garden by planting these varieties before the frost:

Chrysanthemums, Asters, Black-Eyed Susans, Japanese Anemone, Goldenrod, Sedum, Russian Sage, Bleeding Heart, Helenium and Cone Flower. **Check your local nursery. Many have big sales on end-of-season plants. It will be much less expensive to purchase these plants in November rather than wait until Spring.**

Our Neighborhood News and Events:

Join the **Westmoreland Association, Inc.** for their annual Fall Cleanup at Glenwood Landing on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10am to Noon. The Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society will teach attending children about the environment and the importance of plants that are indigenous to the area. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Old Westbury Gardens: Four Weekends. Westbury House Open 10:00am - 4:00pm. Regular admission fees. (Admission, \$15; Ages 62 and older, \$13; Full-time students with valid ID, \$13; Children, ages 7 to 17, \$8; Children, ages 6 and under, Free; Old Westbury Gardens members, Free)

Experience the magic of the season with a self-guided tour of Westbury House, beautifully decorated with holiday charm! See the festively adorned rooms, enjoy the gardens, and savor holiday treats like cookies and cider. With a special visit from Santa, our Christmas celebration is a must for the entire family!

Old Westbury Gardens will be offering Christmas Tea and a Special Holiday Market. **Check the whole schedule at info@oldwestburygardens.org**

New York Botanical Gardens Train Show. This is an experience not to be missed. For several years, the DGC has arranged a trip to this wonderful event. The event is magical and is on from **November 16, 2024–January 20, 2025.** **We will not be providing a bus, but at our next meeting, perhaps we could see how many are interested in seeing the Holiday Train Show. We might be able to put together some car pool groups.**

Queens County Farm Museum: If you are doing Thanksgiving this year, you might want to stop by the on-site farmstand, which will be open until November 27, 2024. The farmstand has fresh produce and herbs. The farmstand is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10AM-4PM. The address is 73-50 Little Neck Parkway.