

DGC November Newsletter

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

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Dear Members,

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00PM in the CCD Parlor. Our program this month features Cori Coogan of Port Jefferson who will dazzle us with some Holiday Floral Designs. Cori is a very impressive designer. She is replacing Amy LoMele of Huntington Floral Shop who unexpectedly had to cancel. Guests are most welcome!

At 9:30AM on November 19 we will have our workshop in the Fellowship Room of CCD. Regina Minerva of the Queens Botanical Garden will guide us in creating a beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece. All materials will be supplied. Just bring your clippers or scissors. The workshop is currently full. As there is a waiting list, please contact Rosemarie Robertson, rosemarier7@gmail.com or 718-224-3999 if you will be unable to attend. We would then offer your spot to a member on the list. As the fee for this program is subsidized by the DGC we wish to have all 25 spots occupied.

This month's hospitality:

- Tea Sandwiches: Linda Akers, Sara Coman, Joan Curran, Lois Toscano
- Cookies: Margarita Autz, Luisa Barra and there will be a celebration cake in honor of the 95th birthday of Ann Cavesano. Come help her celebrate!
- Centerpiece: Enjoy a few of our beautiful creations from the morning workshop!

Thank you in advance for your donations. Remember, disposable platters only. And don't be shy. Feel free to impress us with your creative food and dessert choices. Please bring your hospitality offerings to the meeting no later than 12:30PM.

For our Ways and Means table this month, Mary Taylor has suggested we donate seasonal items (Thanksgiving, Fall, Winter, Christmas) as well as the ever popular jewelry. Ways and Means netted \$342 at our October meeting. Many thanks to all who made contributions and to those of you who made purchases at our very exciting sale. Mary also wishes to thank all the people who help in setting up and cleaning up for Ways and Means each month which is a huge undertaking.

Our October workshop was a big success. It was creative, fun, educational and very sociable. 25 members went home with a lovely cactus and succulent dish garden. Thank you Carolyn Brink and Rosemarie Robertson for planning and preparing this event for us. Check out the photos on our website douglastongc.org.

The DGC Semi-Annual Bake Sale proved to be yet another success story. The weather was ideal. The location was perfect as usual (thanks Doug Montgomery) and the partic-

ipation of our club members is to be commended. Thank you bakers, buyers and donors. With the combined participation of our committee chairs, Jeri Lynett and Bernadette Gabriele, along with the members who worked that day we were able to raise over \$1200. Be sure to check out our website douglastongc.org for photos.

Five awards were distributed to the DGC on October 28 at the Leadership Council in Bethpage, NY. Four awards were for the Standard Flower Show "Islands in the Sun", Carolyn Brink, Chairperson and Cindy McCann, graphic designer. Catherine Touwsma received an individual award for her work in the community and the DGC. Congratulations to all!!

On October 30, along with myself, Patricia Yoon, Maya Kovach and Catherine Touwsma spent a successful morning at Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy assisting several groups of students and their teachers in planting 450 daffodil bulbs.

Upcoming Events:

December 6 - VNS Christmas Luncheon at North Hills Country Club.

December 7 - St. Anastasia Christmas Fair

December 14 - DLDC 3rd Annual Winter Festival, 12-5PM at the Douglaston Train Station Plaza. The DGC will again be represented at this event. Please support this community endeavor and stop by the DGC table. If you have an interest in helping out that day please contact me at douglastongardenclub@gmail.com or 718-428-1914.

December 17 - DGC Christmas Potluck Luncheon at 1PM in the parlor of the CCD. Be sure to sign up with Maya, our Hospitality Chair, if you will be volunteering to bring a contribution to this event. Appetizers, salads, breads, hot and cold dishes as well as desserts are needed. Impress us with your favorite recipe. In any case, please come and join us for this very pleasant afternoon with your GC friends. This is a member only event. No guests, please.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

See you on the 19th!

Best Regards,
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HORTICULTURE TIDBITS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 BY MARY TOBACCO

THE CHANGING OF THE CLOCKS: FALL BACK, SPRING AHEAD TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 3,2019. THIS REMINDER MEANS WINTER CLEAN-UPS AND PREPARATION FOR OUR GARDENS MUST TAKE PLACE.

1 remove all plant **infected** debris and compost to prevent insects and diseases from overwintering in the garden.

2 cut back flowering mums ends within several inches of the ground.

3 check your evergreens for insects

4 make sure you mulch flower and bulb beds **after** the ground freezes, the soil must be **moist** not **dry** when winter arrives

5 water all evergreens until the ground freezes, and winterize your roses **after** a heavy frost

6 plant your shrubs and trees, and now is a good time to spread seeds directly from plant to soil. Stop heavy watering of house plants as they become dormant...still water them at least once a week.

7 set screen stakes in place **before** the ground freezes with burlap to protect newly planted broad-leaf [boxwoods, hollies, azaleas]

8 be on the look-out for winter **burn**(it's caused by cold dry winds) PROTECT YOUR EVERGREENS AND OTHER TENDER PLANTS LOCATED IN OPEN AREAS . Please, protect plants that are located close to roads and walkways from SALT.

Known for it's beautiful,dangling seed head and bamboo-like leaves, **northern sea oats** [chasmanthium latifolium] is a 2-to-4- foot-tall perennial grass native to North America. It's used to **prevent soil erosion** (WHICH is great for saving our earth and environment),and for ornamental purposes, also. Their seed heads,are very attractive in floral arrangements. Cut old stalks back to the ground before new growth emerges in spring.

KEEPING US BUSY

Purchase Narcissus and Amaryllis bulbs they make beautiful Christmas decorations,
Purchase catalogs, read newspapers, and check prices **Now** to get discounts on summer items, and get ideas for spring garden plans.

HERBS FROM OUR GARDENS AND THEIR USES

Herbs are lovingly cultivated in **gardens, pots, and window boxes**. The role they play in our lives is unbelievable in food, cooking and healing. Just to name a few are: **ANGELICA**, which has a sweet effect on tart fruit - less sugar is needed; **ANISE** leaves are great in salads; **BASIL** is an essential ingredient in pesto sauce, spaghetti sauce, and pizza; **CAMOMILE** is a medicinal herb used to calm your stomach; **CORIANDER-CILANTRO** can be used in flavoring cakes and vegetables; **GARLIC**,the herb, is essential to aioli [oil & garlic] linguine macaroni dishes. What's THANKSGIVING without **SAGE** in our stuffing, try it you'll love it. **Sage** can also be used as a tooth cleaner (rub a leaf over your teeth and gums for a fresh taste and feel). Why not set aside a spot in your garden to plant an HERB GARDEN? It's very useful and money saving. The herbs are usually expensive and they'll always be there for you- NICE AND FRESH. Now is the time to start from seedlings, then transfer in warmer weather.

If help is needed with gardening CALL CORNELL UNIVERSITY - 516-228-0467x7 Mon-Thurs 10AM -12:30PM.

You can also call NYS.OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - 866-640-0652

HAVE A BLESSED MONTH.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILIES, AND GOD BLESS US ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MARY TOBACCO

