



Douglaston Garden Club September Newsletter 2025

Welcome back to a new session of the Douglaston Garden Club. By this time, you should have received the new schedule and the list of DGC Board Members and Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. If you have not received this information, I am attaching it to this Newsletter.

Our first meeting will take place at the Community Church of Douglaston on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. PLEASE PARK ONLY IN SPOTS NOT DESIGNATED BY A NUMBER. THE NUMBERED SPOTS ARE FOR WORKERS AT THE CHURCH AND TEACHERS AT THE PRE-SCHOOL.

But first some news from Sarah Milunec, the chair of the Environmental Committee. Sarah is concerned about the damage being done by an invasion of lantern flies. Here is what she discovered and what she recommends:



I cannot emphasize the importance of killing the spotted lantern fly in our area. We have learned more about this invasive insect. It is important that we kill the insect and kill the eggs otherwise then next year will be worse. Please google for pictures of Lantern fly stages, and their eggs.

We do know that they have no enemies or predators YET and therefore, it is up to us to do as much as we can. We are starting to see birds eating the lantern flies; however, they have not fully acquired a taste for this insect.

Lantern flies do not travel far but it is important to know that if you see them on your property, you must kill them or you will have more next year.

If we look at Pennsylvania, where this started a couple of years before New York they have so many now that they are vacuuming the flies on and around the trees because they cannot kill them fast enough.

The Lantern fly sucks the sap out of a tree and eventually the tree will die.

What can we do? If each one of us plants a milk thistle plant It will help the butterflies, but it is poisonous to the Lantern Flies. We will help beauty but kill the beast.

Formula for a NATURAL pesticide mix in a spray bottle.

One quart of water

1/4 cup non-detergent dish soap

Example: Dawn

one tablespoon of vegetable oil

Place duct tape sticky side out on your trees outside or any tree you have seen them on.

Place tape three feet above the ground. It catches them like a fly trap.

Kill egg masses. Scrap off and place in alcohol in a zip lock bag and seal shut. They prefer to lay eggs on smooth surfaces. Example: vinyl siding, patio furniture, cars and especially the wheel well of a car.

I want to thank Sarah for her expert advice.

Here is Maya's Hospitality Report for September 16, 2025.

<u>Tea Sandwiches</u>	Linda Akers, Margarita Autz, Anne Cody, Maria DiChiara
<u>Cookies</u>	Gloria Brehl, Cecilia Cody, Maya Kovach Timoshenko
<u>Fruit</u>	Annette Aloisio, Barbara Buckley, Helen Clemens
<u>Centerpiece</u>	Carolyn Brink

Upcoming Events

Trip to: NYBG's Van Gogh: Painting with Flowers

Date(s)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Instructor

Price

Duration

\$170

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

New York Botanical Garden Staff

We will travel by bus from Clark Botanic Garden (193 I.U. Willets Road, Albertson) to New York Botanical

Garden – Van Gogh: Painting with Flowers. Vincent Van Gogh’s unforgettable world of art and nature will envelop you in a vibrant daydream. Immerse yourself in a botanical displays and large-scale art inspired by the iconic masterpieces. You have seen the paintings, now see them come to life at the Garden. We will leave Clark Botanic Garden at 8:45 am, and will return to Clark Botanic Garden between 4:00-4:30 pm.

Please arrive no later than 8:30 am so we can board the bus and leave promptly at 8:45 am.

We expect to arrive at NYBG by 10:00 am, and our guided tour will begin in the Haupt Conservatory.

After our tour, we will board a special tram, which will take us to the Stone Mill for our Victorian Tea. After lunch, we can elect to take a public tram, which is a 30-minute narrated tour around the Garden grounds. The tram makes several stops, and guests can get on and off the tram at any stop. We can also visit the gift shop before departure.

The Victorian Tea menu consists of assorted tea sandwiches, scones, petit fours, and assorted teas. (Advance notice is needed if you have special dietary restrictions.)

2025 FALL DESIGN WORKSHOP

Given by the Second District, Federated Garden Clubs of NY State

THURSDAY, September 18, 2025

West Islip Public Library

3 Higbee Lane, West Islip, NY 11795

MORNING SESSION 10:30 – 12 NOON

A Low-Profile Design (HB p. 78; p. 81 -83) by Victoria Bellias

AFTERNOON SESSION 12:30 – 2:00PM

An Autumn Wreath Design (HB p. 93 - 94) by Patricia Bany

COST FOR EACH WORKSHOP

\$25 FOR PARTICIPANTS * \$10 FOR OBSERVERS

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SECOND District, FGCNYS

SEATING IS LIMITED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 11th

Send registration form and payment to:

Alice Dawes, 8 Shaker Hollow Rd., Setauket, NY 11733-2250

awdawes1@gmail.com, 516-635-9908

A materials list will be mailed to **participants only** prior to the workshop.
Some plant material will be provided; **participants** will provide mechanics.
If you are staying for both sessions, please bring your lunch.

Pam Timoyanis is planning a trip to Heckscher Park in Huntington on October 2, 2025. Pam will have sign-up sheets and will collect money for those wishing to attend our September 16, 2025, meeting.

There will be flyers available for several events from Clark Gardens at our first meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: PAM WILL CONTINUE TO ALERT YOU ABOUT UPCOMING LOCAL TRIPS AND OUR CHRISTMAS OUTING.

DIANE RAFFA WILL BE CHECKING THE SECOND DISTRICT WEBSITE TO TELL YOU ABOUT OTHER GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEONS. SO, WATCH FOR HER EMAILS (dianr4@gmail.com). DIANE WILL BE DOING SIGN UP SHEETS AND COLLECTING THE CHECKS FOR THESE EVENTS.

I have attached the 2025-2026 Schedule of Events and the List of Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.

