

DGC October 2023 Newsletter

"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter." *Nova Jait*

Dear DGC Members, *Happy Halloween!*

Parking in the back but please do not park in the numbered spaces.

Program - Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - Mary Taylor, Programs Chair, has scheduled presenter Pam Flam from the Centerport Garden Club. The Program is "**Caring for Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)**"

Bake Sale - First our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jeri Lynett and Colleen Hurley our Bake Sale Chairpersons. Your dedication and ability to deal with weather and changes of times truly says you can overcome so many obstacles that you were faced with. The tally so far is \$1887.00 which makes this a very **successful** Fundraiser.

It was a blessing that the CCD let us be flexible with the times during Sunday Services. Opening earlier helped so much with the distribution of the maps.

Merci to Catherine Touwsma our creator of the flyer and posting it on the DGC website. She changed it and reposted numerous times because of the rain.

Catherine managed to ask the DMA as they were planning the Tag Sale to have us join with our Bake Sale at no cost and free of charge. A thank you sent to the DMA.

Gracias to Linda Akers for posting and keeping our website up to date with all the information.

To all the members who donated baked, brought store goods and gave money we appreciate it so much. To our volunteers that worked so hard that day setting up, pricing and selling. Thank you because all this hard work turned into a fun day.

Douglas Montgomery for bringing boxes of cupcakes from our neighborhood Martha's Country Bakery. It would be nice the next time you need delicious baked goods to sponsor them. A letter of thanks sent to Martha's. **Let us do it again in the Spring!**

Civic Beautification -

TBA Bulb Planting at local schools, parks and churches. Most likely during the week.

Volunteers Needed for advice and Guidance. Patricia cannot make the event and I would appreciate it if you contact me so I can let them know if someone can help. On November 4 will be It's My Park Day at Glenwood Landing Park. It will be cleanup and planting event. Nov. 18 is the rain date.

We are invited to partner for this annual event ... and they would appreciate any guidance our members provide on where to plant the bulbs and Kris Doerfler may plant some more native perennials along the sides of the steps. The Douglaston-Little Neck Historical Society will also be at this event.

The event to start at 10:00 AM, and free pizza lunch for all volunteers, probably at around 12:15 pm. They will be registering the event with the Partnerships for Parks, to arrange for the tools, bags, gloves, etc.

Patricia Yoon has been working so hard at the Center for Woman of NY at Fort Totten. We are **all** so proud of her and appreciate all the hard work she does at Fort Totten and all our parks. FYI The Woman's Club of Douglaston has just added the CWNY to their List of Charities.

Every Thursday classes are held and she is bringing the joys of Mother Nature to us all with her knowledge and expertise. The upcoming schedule at CWNY: Time is 10:00 - 11:30

10/12-Workshop: All About Bulbs. What are bulbs, how to plant them properly to get the best blooms in Spring! We will be planting our own Spring bulbs!

10/19-Workshop: Planting Fall vegetables. Join us as we plant lettuces, root vegetables, garlic.

10/26-Workshop: Compost. Let's get down and dirty and discuss everything compost!

Federation - November 15 Glen Head Luncheon, Sea Cliff (on your own-no group)
Save the date Second District Luncheon March 25, 2024 Hamlett CC, Commack NY

Ways and Means - In October we will be accepting Fall and December Holiday Decorations. We will also accept any items you believe will sell. In November we will be accepting Holiday items and only **NEW** (gift-ed) items. Our members can go Holiday shopping. If you have a gift you received and it still has tags on it or in a box please think of donating it to Ways and Means. You can also buy a new item and donate it.

Hospitality - Please bring in by 12:30 - Thank you for your donations!

The following members are schedule to bring items listed below at 12:30 on Tuesday, October 17
Thanking you in advance for your donations.

Cookies - Bhanu Doshi; Joan Lange; Jeri Lynett

Tea Sandwiches - Aida Ieraci; Brenda Lamb; Sharon Lee; Mary Eileen Maloney

Fruit - Sue Hom; Sandy Hart; Josephine Marotta

Centerpiece - Marisa Katurin

Holiday Luncheon - If you plan to attend the Douglaston Garden Club's **CATERED** Christmas Holiday buffet on Tuesday, December 19 at 12 noon at the Douglaston Community Church, kindly bring in your \$65.00 check (made payable to DGC) to Pam at the October Meeting or please mail it to Pamela Timoyanis 9 Center Drive Whitestone, NY 11357-1072. Thanks to Pam for arranging this lunch. Menu Attached

Trips - Fran Bello is in planning stages of a trip on Tuesday, December 5, to The Bronx Botanical Gardens Train Show. Entry fee is \$29.00 Bus approximately \$35-40. Lunch will be at Zero Otto Nove (Italy Country Code Phone #) on Arthur Ave. Price can be for a pre fix meal or Pizza and a Salad. Members can also shop at for some Italian Delicacies. The bus will take us back home. We would like it if you can let Fran know if you are interested at the October Meeting. This display in the Bronx is all historical and monument buildings made of planting materials (acorns, leaves, twigs etc). It is amazing to see.

Looking ahead

November 1 Fort Neck GC Luncheon Bar Harbour Library Massapequa Park (on your own-no group)

November 4 It's My Park Day - Glenwood Landing 10:00 am

November 15 - Glen Head Luncheon, Sea Cliff (on your own-no group)

November 17 - 9:00 Am Holiday Centerpiece Workshop with Susan Dittmann, \$20.00 Limit to 25 people.

Workshop is full but we will accept names for a waiting list.

November 17 - 1:00 DGC Meeting **Holiday Designs** by Marion Romeo

December 5 - DGC Trip to Bronx Botanical Gardens Train Show - Lunch and Shopping Arthur Ave TBA

December 12 - Executive Board Meeting (Lunch)

December 19 -12:00 pm DGC Meeting and Holiday Catered Luncheon \$65.00

January 2023 no meeting

March Meeting is our 100 Anniversary with the Federation

March 25 - Second District Luncheon-Hamlett CC-Commack NY Save the date

April 10 - Port Washington GC Luncheon and 100th Anniversary

May 22 - Glen Head Luncheon- Manhasset Bay Yacht Club with the famous Presenter Andrew Pascoe

President's Note - "*The Falling Leaves, drift by my window*" Please try and Rake Safer. Warm up with some walking or another light activity. Gently stretch your shoulders, back and legs before starting. Wear gloves to prevent blisters. Use a rake that is for your height and strength. Switch sides every few minutes. I know many have landscapers, but some of us cannot resist to be outside with nature.

REMEMBER....In the event I need to get a message out ASAP due to cancellation or inclement weather conditions it will be done by an email to the membership. So please check emails. Non email members please contact another member.

Please check our website, douglastongc.org updated by Linda Akers and our Facebook page, facebook.com/douglastongc maintained by Catherine Touwsma for photos and info regarding DGC activities. If you have anything you wish to share please do so and send to them.

Thank you for both for always keeping our membership up to date.

Warmest Regards,

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