

## Douglaston garden Club

FEBRUARY 2017

### BUTTERFLIES

by Zoe Creitz, Age 6  
(granddaughter of Lori Hinchey)

Butterflies like flowers.  
They sip nectar for hours.  
Flutter, flutter, flutter  
goes the butterfly.

Flying high up in the sky.  
Some have spots but not like a dog.  
Some butterflies blend in with a log.  
Flutter!

**OUR NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Parlor. Our speaker, Shari Romar, will provide a program on Pollinators in the Garden.**

**REMINDER.** The church requires that the entry door remain locked at all times. For this month's meeting, **Claire Goldstein** will be providing security at the door from 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM. After that time, or prior, you will need to ring the bell for Madeline (church secretary) to buzz you in. And, DO NOT PARK in spots numbered 1-10. Next month, Maura Wrynn will be at door. Thank you to both Claire and Maura!

**MEMBERSHIP.** **Nelly Pacheco** 's new address is: 556 SE Evergreen Terrace, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983. We will surely miss Nelly and we wish her well in her new home. And welcome to our newest member **Karin Rubenacker**. We look forward to her participation.

**DISTRICT II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL. Monday, March 6 at 10:30 AM** to be held at Old Bethpage Village. Morning Speaker: Erik Pauze, the head gardener for Rockefeller Center, will regale us with tales of his annual search for Rock Center's Christmas Tree. The afternoon floral design program will be by Christine Bellifiori of Bella Flowers (she has decorated Oheka Castle and other North Shore venues on Long Island). Bring lunch. Dessert provided. We usually have a few members attend and hope you can join us. It is a friendly, informative day attended by all the garden clubs in the district. Come on your own or form a carpool. No cost. Attendance by reservation only. Please let me or Sandy Hart [516-297-8081](tel:516-297-8081) know by February 26 if you'll be attending.

**POETRY.** Miss Zoe Creitz has warmed winter with this month's fun poem about butterflies! We wish her good luck in this year's FGCNYS poetry contest. This is the last chance to submit poems to me written by youngsters you know from ages pre-school through high school to be entered into the poetry contest (deadline: March 15, 2017). Send poems to me: [presa@nyc.rr.com](mailto:presa@nyc.rr.com) and include the child's name, address, age, grade and school. Please follow the theme: *Bees, Bugs and Butterflies*.

**TRIPS.** Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, on **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM** for an 18th century colonial cooking program in the Adriance historic farmhouse (c. 1772). The two-hour program includes the history of the house, colonial lifestyle, and historic vs contemporary cooking. Sampling of recipes prepared and cooked over the open-hearth. Farmhouse is handicap accessible via ramp. Bathrooms are located 50 yards from farmhouse. Parking available (make your own carpool). Cost \$9. Make check payable to "Douglaston Garden Club, Inc." Limited to 20 people. RSVP by Feb. 16 to Marylyn MacKay [718-229-2136](tel:718-229-2136).

**BAKE SALE. Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 AM - 2 PM.** Bake sale table will be at 40-60 Douglaston Parkway (in front of Douglas Montgomery's office). Drop off baked goods on Saturday in the morning (on day of sale). Volunteers and bakers needed. Contact Annette Aloisio [718-225-2986](tel:718-225-2986). Signup sheet will be available at March and April meetings.

**IT'S MY PARK DAY. Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9 AM - 4 PM.** Contact our Civic Beautification Chairperson, Catherine Touwsma, [718-229-6557](tel:718-229-6557) if you can help clean and plant at the CTR Park. The NYC Parks department will provide rakes, gloves and tools. We hope to get a good turnout of members to help with all tasks. There will also be "easy planting" of mint, sebum plants or other pollinator favored plants.

**FLOWER SHOW.** Our Flower Show planning is underway for our show on May 16, 2017. **Please see attached.**

**OUTREACH.** Think about re-gifting those unwanted small new Christmas stocking-stuffer items to Madonna Heights women's shelter. Give items to Gloria Brehl at meeting.

**FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY.**

Suggested donations per hospitality donor:

- *Cookies:* THREE dozen
- *Sandwiches:* TWO loaves of sliced bread (filling of your choosing). Cut into 4. Crusts removed.

Please deliver hospitality offerings by 12:30-12:45 PM\_as hospitality time begins promptly at 1:00 PM.

<b>Centerpiece</b>	DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY			
<b>Cookies</b>	BRENDA LAMB	CINDY McCANN	ANNE McDERMOTT	PAT McKENNA
<b>Sandwiches</b>	AMPARO MINOGUE	BRIDGET MLADINICH	GIANNA NEGOVETTI	FRANCES SBASCHING

**PRESIDENT VACANCY IS UPCOMING.** I will definitely be leaving at the end of this term in June 2017. Although most of the Board vacancies are filled for the 2017-18 year (hooray!), **no one** has come forward to be our **president**. The position as President of the DGC is supported by a wonderful Board and can easily be filled by any one of you. I will remain on the Board, not as president, but in an advisory capacity if needed. You'll be in good hands. Please come forward.

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This month let us remember those presidents who had real work cut out for them: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. God bless them for their foresight, service and allegiance to our great country.

And a happy Valentine's Day to all,

**Pamela Timoyanis, President**  
[718-578-1190](tel:718-578-1190) or [presa@nyc.rr.com](mailto:presa@nyc.rr.com)

att. Horticulture Tidbits  
 Flower Show schedule

Here's a synopsis of our upcoming Calendar which includes a summary of above info:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 11:30 AM. Board Meeting. CCD Basement. Board members only.
- Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM. General Meeting. CCD Parlor Room (2nd Floor). Members and guests.
- Monday, March 6 at 10:30 AM DISTRICT II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL Meeting and seminars. Old Bethpage Village. RSVP
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The Douglaston Garden Club is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.  
Memberships and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

### **AROUND TOWN**

The **Douglaston Woman's Club** is having their annual luncheon at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club on Thursday, May 4, 2017. \$55 pp. This is always a nice luncheon, at a lovely setting with great raffle prizes. We usually have a table or two in support of the Woman's Club. Please contact Linda Akers [917-941-2536](tel:917-941-2536).

**The Orchid Show** at the NY Botanical Gardens in the Bronx will be held from FEBRUARY 18–APRIL 19.

**Hicks Nurseries' 26th Annual Flower & Garden Show** will be held from March 9-26, 2017.