

*Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.*

N E W S L E T T E R



**October 2017**



*Welcome Fall, New Season, New Chapter, New Page and New Wishes.  
May the Season give you Courage, Strength, Confidence, Patience, Self-Love and Inner Peace.  
May Fall fill every day with Hope, Love, Sunshine and Energy, Let There be Joy, Fun and Laughter.*

**Leadership quote of the month:**

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel.

"- Maya Angelou

**OUR NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Parlor.** So, come, sit back and relax!

**A NEW WORKSHOP** will be held on October 17 from 9:30am-11:00am, in the Fellowship Hall. Carolyn Brink has booked a representative from the Queens Botanical Gardens, M. Fred Gerber who will be discussing "the Use of herbs" and putting together a small table top Herb Garden. Please contact Rosemarie Robertson, there might be a few openings left. **Note:** The program for the November 21 workshop will be announced shortly but please mark your calendars now (same time, same location).

**HORTICULTURAL INFO:** Carolyn Brink has ordered HORTULANA Reference Guide. A few copies will be available at the October meeting for \$10.25 per book. A sign-up sheet will be passed out to order more.

**PROGRAM:** Our October program is: "Putting your Garden to Bed" presented by Claire Reisert.

**Little Neck Nursing Home -- Outreach Project:** After the workshop and before the general meeting, Carolyn Brink will be dropping off plants purchased at the LN Nursing Home. Volunteers are needed to help deliver.

**HORTICULTURE NEWS!**

This year Carolyn Brink will introduce a new program to get us familiar with different forms of horticulture and entice more participation in the Flower Show. Each month a small group of members will be asked to bring horticulture samples with their entries cards filled out so that they can be discussed at each meeting. *For the month of October, the following members have volunteered to bring their samples: Rosemarie Robertson, Bunny Bollon, Joan Hellmann and Mary Tobacco.*

**AWARD NEWS:** The 2nd District FGCNYS has announced that poems written by Zachary & Zoe's, Lori Hinchey's grandchildren on the 2017 theme "Bees, Bugs and Butterflies" have been published at the National Garden Club level! This is an esteemed honor highlighting Zoe and Zachary's poetic ability, love of nature and making all us proud to have such talent within our Garden Club families! Copies will be made available at Meeting.

**TAG SALE & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: Saturday October 21, from 10am - 4 pm at the Community Church of Douglaston.**

**Update--** An amazing group of volunteers has worked very hard all month at Jane's house, sorting, tagging and boxing all donations. Jane's porches, living room and dining room are now "under invasion". We all had a lot of fun doing this while munching on the delicious snacks and beverages offered by our generous hostess! We are happy to report that this year donations are both remarkable by their quality and quantity, thus promising record setting Sales!

This said, it will not happen without each and everyone's help, Volunteers will be needed to:

-- On Friday October 20, at 10 am: to pick up of boxes, bags and coat racks from at Jane Stewart's house: 38-18 West Drive, Douglaston Manor and drop all items inside of the CCD at the Fellowship Hall and or in the parlor of the main Douglaston Parkway Entrance. The more drivers we have, the faster the operation will be. A number of you already have volunteered but if you know you are not on that list, and you can help, **please contact me immediately @ 347 831 6075.**

-- On Saturday October 21 at 9:00am, volunteers are also needed to sell our items. Here again the more the merrier and the more successful we will be! A number of you have already volunteered but if you know you are not on that list, and you want to help, **please contact me immediately @ 347 831 6075.**

**BAKE SALE-** Bake sale goodies will need to be dropped off in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall at the Community Church, in the evening of Friday October 20 between 4-6 pm and no later than 9:30 am on Saturday. Jeri Lynette and Bernadette Gabriele will oversee the process.

**FREE E-WASTE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:** Will Take place on Saturday October 28 – 10 am – 4pm on the St Anastasia Church Parking Lot ( Enter from Alameda Ave). For more information, please contact Douglas Montgomery @917 482 5234 - HOME NY. Accepted Items: working on non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables TVs, VCRs. DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones and PDAs.

**IT'S MY PARK DAYS FALL--** will take place this year again with the cooperation of both the NY City Park Department & the Partnership for Parks on Saturday October 28 from 10am to 3pm at the Catharine Turner Richardson Park and at the Glenwood Landing Park. Volunteers of all age will be cleaning up (raking & bagging) and planting daffodils bulbs provided by the NY City Park Department:

[The Daffodil Project was founded in 2001 as a living memorial to September 11. With OVER 6.5 MILLION free bulbs planted citywide by more than 100,000 young students, parks and gardening groups, civic organizations, corporate volunteers and other New Yorkers, it is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the city's history.](#)

Patricia Yoon and myself have also secured a delivery of 27 gallons of fresh compost to each park compliments of the New York City Compost Project hosted by Queens Botanical Garden. Thank you Vanessa Ventola, Outreach Coordinator. Pictures will be taken and posted on our Website!

### BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE:

@ the Catharine Turner Richardson Park, a group of DGC Volunteers under the guidance of Park Manager Jo Block and NYC Gardener, Charles, have been planting 12 Daylilies pots, watering, dead- heading rose bushes, spreading mulch and a doing a light trimming in preparation of the big cleaning up day for which we are **expecting the participation of Troop #53, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by St. Anastasia Church.** DGC volunteers will also be welcomed to help supervising the day.



@ The Glenwood Landing Garden in Little Neck, Patricia Yoon and myself have the pleasure to announce that the [Westmoreland Association, Inc.](#) has agreed to sponsor our event by posting it on their Facebook page and by encouraging their members to join us on that day.



### HELP BEAUTIFY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

On Saturday, October 28 **the Douglaston Garden Club** (partnering with the NYC Parks Department) is undertaking a project to improve and beautify our own GLENWOOD LANDING PARK. That's the charming little triangular park at the intersection of Glenwood Street and 39th Avenue --

Laura Toscano, a high school student who lives in the Westmoreland community, received a Rotary Club Leadership Award and is also involved in the planning. Laura is a high school senior at St. Mary's in Manhasset. She has lived in Little Neck her whole life. Laura was first introduced to RYLA in 2016. RYLA is an organization that focuses on leadership development of youth living on Long Island. Today she helps run this program! RYLA encouraged Laura to do a project that directly benefits her community. She is very excited for "It's My Park Day" at the Glenwood Landing and looks forward to continued partnership with the Douglaston Garden Club.

**MEMBERSHIP.** Our new Chair Membership Chair person, Maura Wrynn has updated our 2017-18 Directory (distributed with this newsletter). A big DGC welcome to our 5 newest members: Luisa Barra, Juliana Krivicic, Sharon Lee, Eileen O' Flannigan and John Touwsma! Please continue to reach out for new members.

**OUTREACH.** Please continue to bring new small toiletries to Gloria Brehl for the Madonna Heights women's shelter.

**OCTOBER HOSPITALITY.** Please deliver hospitality offerings by 12:30-12:45 pm as hospitality time begins promptly at 1:00pm . Let's give our hospitality committee a little less kitchen work: DISPOSABLE PLATES ARE A MUST!!!

<b>Centerpiece</b>	Carolyn Brink			
<b>Cookies</b> <i>At least 3 dozen</i>	Suzanne Campese	Marilyn Bardolf	Joan Corbisiero	Gloria Bodie
<b>Sandwiches</b> <i>2 loaves of bread Any filling Cut in fours Crust removed</i>	Irma Bishay	Bhanu Doshi	Sara Coman	Maria Franzetti

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*Attachments: DGC 2017-18 Members Directory  
October. 2017 - Horticulture Tidbits by Mary Tobacco*

**AROUND TOWN:**

**Want to check our Fall Foliage?** No need to go far: [http://www.centralparknyc.org/events/parent-events/fall-foliage-Conservancy Guides](http://www.centralparknyc.org/events/parent-events/fall-foliage-Conservancy-Guides) will lead these walks from the Pool through the North Woods' Ravine to view some of the Park's most colorful fall foliage. These two special guided tree walks will offer visitors an opportunity to learn about the landscapes, easy tips for identifying trees, and appreciate the Park's fall foliage more than ever -- **Meet:** Inside the Park at West 103rd Street -- **Length of Tour:** approximately 90 minutes-- **Cost:** \$15 (Members \$10)

<http://www.queensfarm.org/events>

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**11:00 am-4:00 pm** Dress in costume for this fun fall celebration! Kids will love our bounce houses, traditional games, pig racing, and cartoon character look-alikes. Boogie down to live country music, take an autumn hayride, visit the Haunted House and Amazing Maize Maze, and enjoy a pony ride and farm animals. Stop by the Con Edison Ecology booth for free kids' crafts and recycling tips. There will be food vendors on the farm all day.

**NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program:**

On Tuesday, October 24, starting at 7:30 PM sharp. Program is one hour long, followed by question-and-answer session. At the Community Church of Douglaston Parlor, 39-50 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11363  
RSVP: Seating is limited -- call 718-229-2169 to reserve space. Light refreshments will be available.

The Program presented by the New York National Guard, teaches residents the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster (storms, flooding, power outages, terrorist events, etc.), and how to respond and recover. Techniques include developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, being ready to evacuate with essential documents and other items, etc.