

Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

N E W S L E T T E R



September 2017

A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Scotty Smith, founding pastor of Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee.

Heavenly Father, your Word is our balm, ballast, and bread--no matter the fresh crisis, or ongoing need. This isn't just our doctrine; it's our delight--our heart song and soul salve. You've promised to show up, be enough, and you are. In the storms of life, you are nearer than the storms themselves; and for our friends along the Texas coastline this weekend, this is VERY good news. We pray shrinkage for Harvey, safety for families, and wisdom for officials.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/hurricane-harvey-donate-to-the-red-cross-and-salvation-army-2017-8>

Welcome back! I sincerely hope your summer was agreeable and restful.

OUR NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2nd floor Parlor. So, come, sit back and relax!

A NEW WORKSHOP will be held on October 17 @9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Carolyn Brink has booked a representative from the Queens Botanical Garden for a discussion on the use of herbs and putting together a small table top herb Garden. *Rosemary Robertson will circulate a sign-up sheet as we are limited to 25 attendees.*

Little Neck Nursing Home -- Outreach Project: After the Workshop, as in the past The Douglaston Garden Club will to participate by dropping off plants purchased for that occasion by Carolyn Brink.

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 September, the following members have volunteered to bring their samples: Pamela Timoyanis Jeri Lynett, Pat McKenna, Gianna Negovetti, and Carolyn Brink.

TAG SALE & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER is combined this year on **Saturday October 21, from 10am - 4 pm at the Community Church of Douglaston.** As previously announced, this year, we will share the space with the CCD. We will have our Tag Sale & Bake Sale on the front lawn (with the possibility to move inside to the Fellowship Hall in case of very inclement weather. The CCD will have their Hidden Treasure / Estate Sale in the Parlor. All monies will be kept separately. The attached flyer specially designed for this Community Event, will be distributed and posted widely through various local channels, but we certainly would appreciate everyone's help in informing your neighbor and friends. In the meantime, please continue to gather items you can donate:

Costume Jewelry, Kids' toys and clothes, gently used Women's and Men's Clothes, Gently Used Shoes and Boots, Scarves, Beautiful China Vases, gently used Handbags, Holiday Items, Books should be in good condition (new novels, kids' books, cook and gardening books, beautiful coffee table books). Drawing from last year experience, we are excluding large items (furniture), older books and very used items.

By early September, Jane Stewart will contact those of you who have volunteered to be on her "Tagging Committee" and will also announce a schedule for drop off Items at her house. So please stay tuned!

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. *A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September Meeting. Volunteers and bakers are needed.*

POETRY

National Contests

- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest
- Poetry - "Pop Goes the Seed"
- High School Essay - "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment & the Water Supply" Rules are found at www.gardenclub.org/youth All Entries are due to Barbara Millington by Jan.10th, 2018 for submission to region.

State Contest

NY State Poetry Contest - "Pop Goes the Seed" Due to Barbara Millington by March 30th, 2018. **See attachment for rules.** These can be used for National as long as they are received by Jan.10th, 2018. **Send to Barbara Millington 546 County Route 76, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866** For more Info, contact Barbara via Email at: bmillington@nycap.rr.com.

YOUTH DIVISION: As in the Past, the Douglaston Garden Club will organize a Daffodils Planting day with the children of PS 98 in the two-raised bed donated last year. Ruth Harrigan will coordinate and announce the date early October. *Volunteers (adult supervision) will be needed.*

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: Will Take place on October 28. More details to be provided by Douglas early October.

FALL - IT'S MY PARK DAYS in cooperation with both the NY City Park Department & the Partnership for Parks on Saturday October 28 from 10am to 3pm.

This year we are going to have two different locations for our "It's my Park day, they will both take place on Saturday:

- ✓ Catharine Turner Richardson Park, Douglaston Pkwy, New York, NY 11363 <http://nyc.gov/parks>, supervised by Catherine Touwsma
- ✓ Glenwood Landing Garden in Little Neck, 39-30-39-34 Glenwood St// <http://nyc.gov/parks>, supervised by our new member, Mrs. Patricia Yoon

We are expecting the participation of two local Boy Scouts Troops who will tackle down a general clean up as well as Daffodils bulbs plantings. **Patricia and I are welcoming Douglaston Garden Member's involvement to ensure the success of those Douglaston & Little Neck Community Events!** *We will pass up a volunteer sheet.*

MEMBERSHIP. Please continue to reach out for new members. And, a big DGC welcome to our newest members: Patricia Yoon and Nancy Salvia. We look forward to their participation!

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

SECOND DISTRICT FGCNYS MEETING & LUNCHEON: Monday, October 16 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Woodbury 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury. The meeting starts at 10:00 am. The Boutique opens at 9:30. The luncheon follows.

Program: Tony Todesco is founder and owner of Stow Florist in Stow MA. He has appeared on television promoting the use and enjoyment of Flowers. He is a regular guest designer for Garden Clubs on State, National and International levels. He is proud to be a National Garden Clubs, Master Flower Show Judge. He has developed and introduces five new Design

A prepaid **reservation of \$50** is the admission for the morning program & the luncheon. We ask you to make checks payable to the **Douglaston Garden Club, Inc and to mail them directly** to Gloria Brehl, 49-16 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362-1038 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5. Alternatively, you can also bring your check to the

September 19 meeting, Sandy Hart will collect them. BE SURE TO WRITE IN THE MEMO SECTION OF YOUR CHECK "DISTRICT LUNCHEON". Let's try to keep up our tradition of having 1-2 tables at this enjoyable, fun and informative luncheon.

SEPTEMBER 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!!!

Centerpiece	Linda Akers			
Cookies <i>At least 3 dozen</i>	Mimi Aliperti	Annette Aloisio	Fran Bello	Ann Cavaseno
Sandwiches <i>2 loaves of bread Any filling Cut in fours Crust removed</i>	Cecilia Cody	Bunny Bollon	Gloria Brehl	Joan Curran

THE 2017-2018 SCHEDULE / BOARD MEMBERS pamphlet is attached. We have wonderful programs in the year ahead! I look forward to seeing all of you.

Catherine Touwsma, President

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2017-18 Schedule

Sept. 2017 - Horticulture Tidbits by Mary Tobacco

"Pop Goes the Seeds" Poetry Rules

Tag Sale & Bake Sale Flyer

AROUND TOWN:

35th Annual-- QUEENS COUNTY FAIR

Sat & Sun, Sept 23–24, 2017

11:00 am–6:00 pm

The fair features pie-eating and corn-husking contests, pig races, hayrides, carnival rides, midway games, and top-notch children's entertainment. Dance the day away at the Beer Garden with the Shannon Breeze Irish band. Check out the Con Edison Ecology booth where you can adopt a worm for your home compost bin, get gardening & recycling tips, our corn maze opens this weekend, and we'll have craft and food vendors at the farm all day. *Note: Our very own Bee keeper, Ruth Harrigan will have her stand there on Sunday.* For FAQ, [click here](#).

7TH ANNUAL NYC HONEY FEST, SEPT 23RD 2017! A CELEBRATION OF THE BUSY BEES

WHO POLLINATE THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS *Note: Ruth Harrigan will have her stand set up there on*

Saturday — <http://www.nychoneyweek.com/>

Sept 27th, The Douglaston Local Development Corporation (DLDC) is co-sponsoring a workshop on **CPR and first aid** with the Community Church of Douglaston. *Space is limited. Please call Madeline Pearson @ 718.229.2169 or email her at secretary.ccd@verizon.net to reserve seats.*

DOUGLASTON & LITTLE NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY and the Douglaston Local Development Corporation is hosting an Open House NY walk is on ~~Sunday~~ **October 14th, from 2-6** (two tours (2pm and 4pm) from the Douglaston LIRR Train Station to the Douglaston Club, 600 West Drive where cider and cookies will be served on the Club porch.